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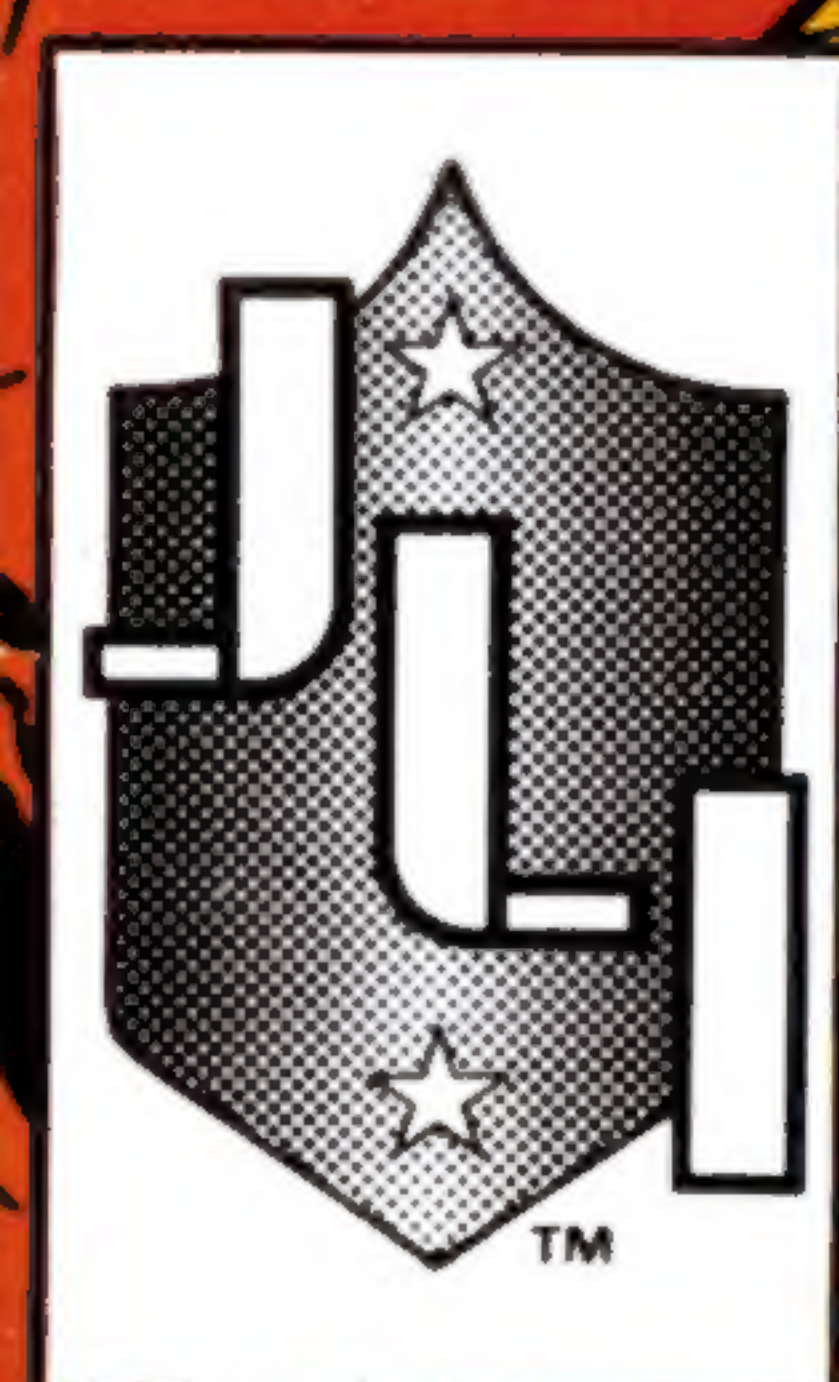
JUSTICE LEAGUE *Europe*

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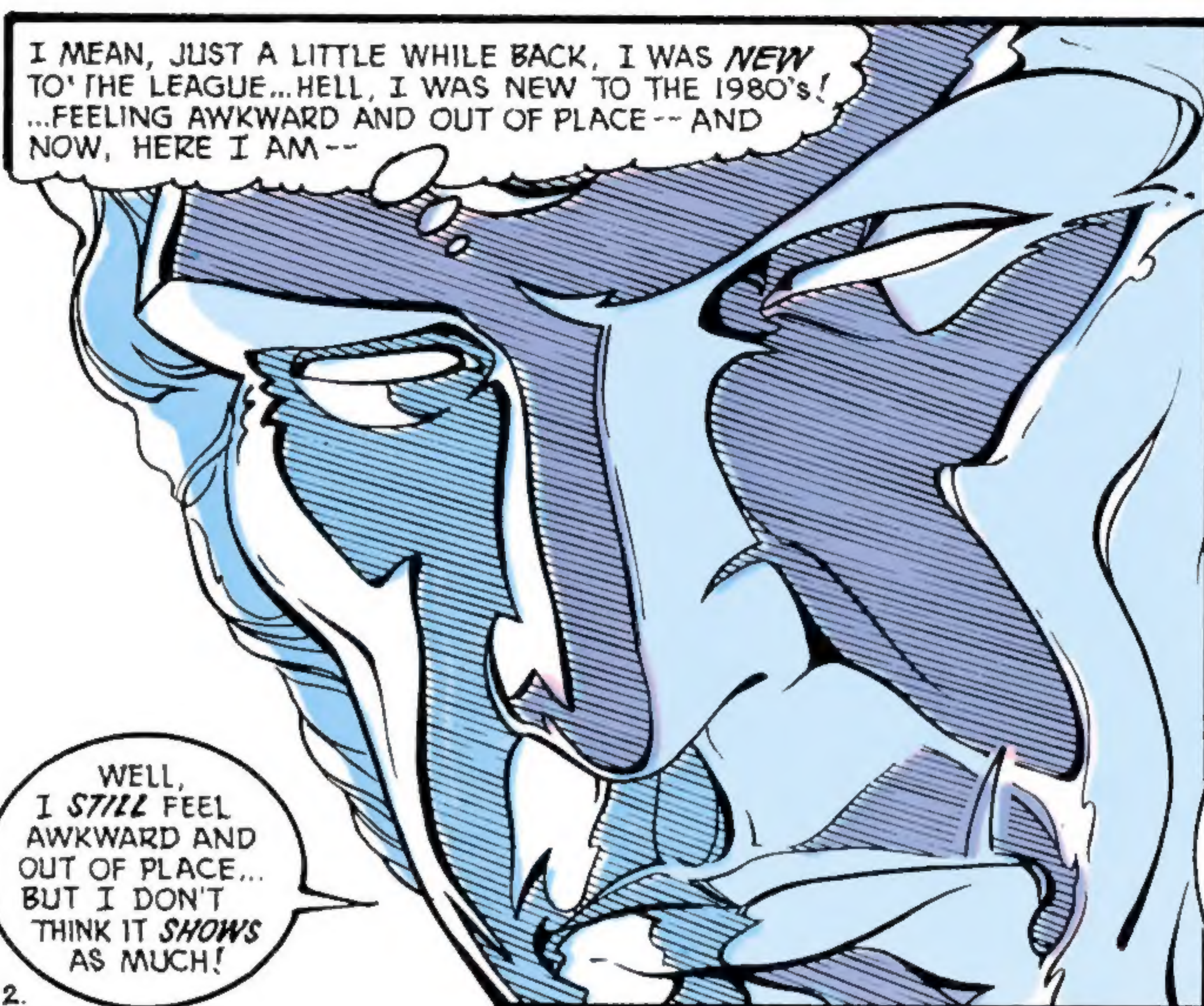
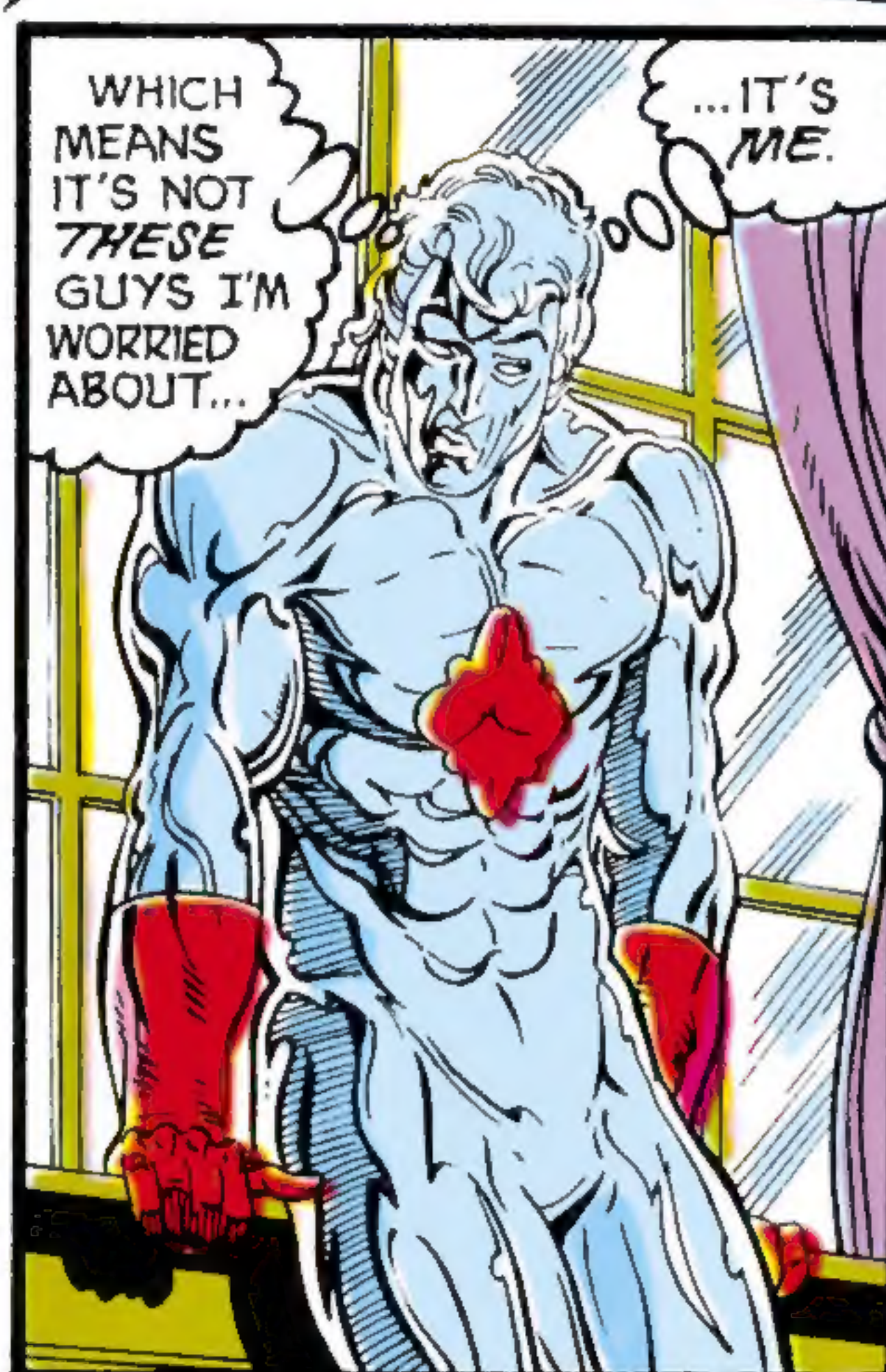
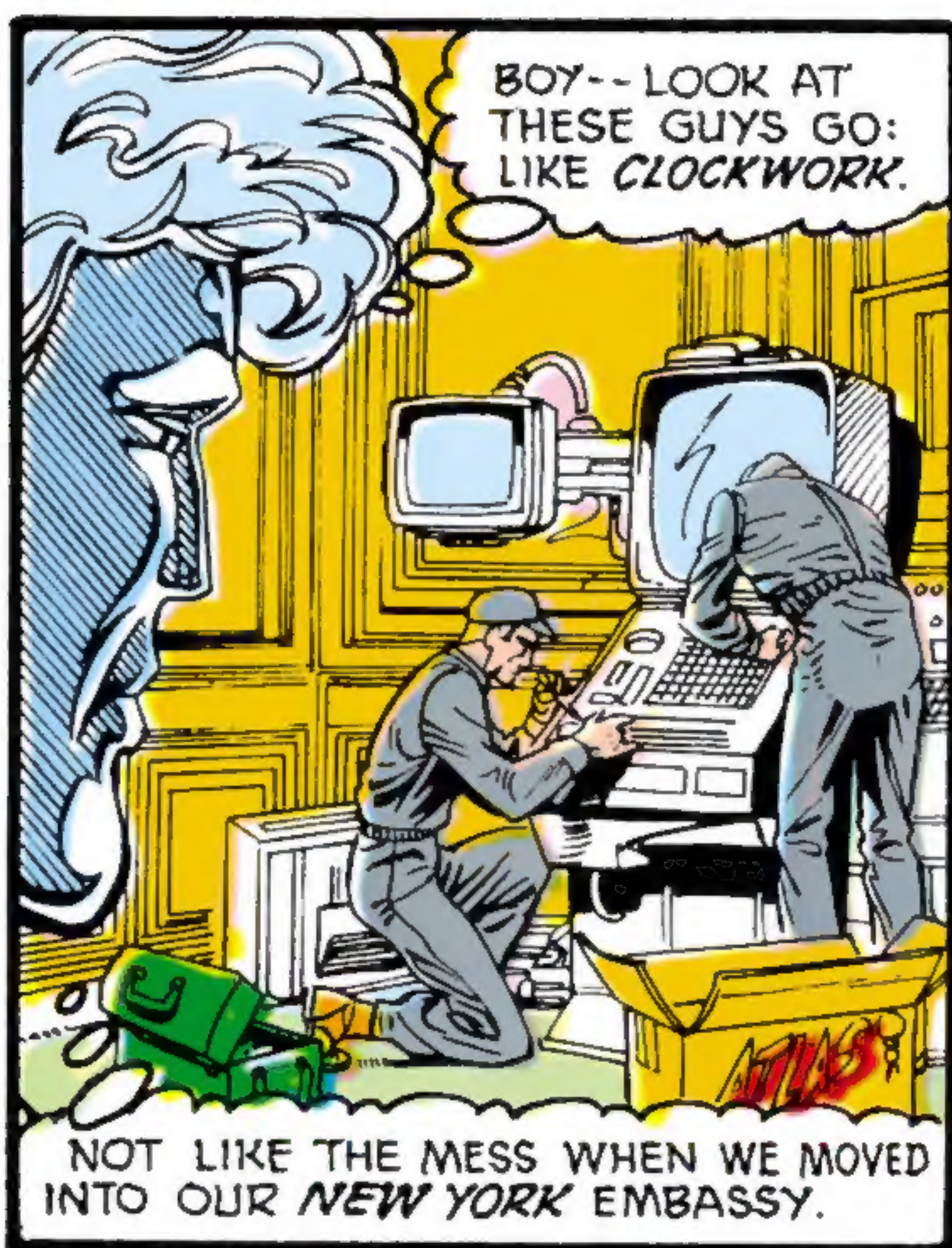


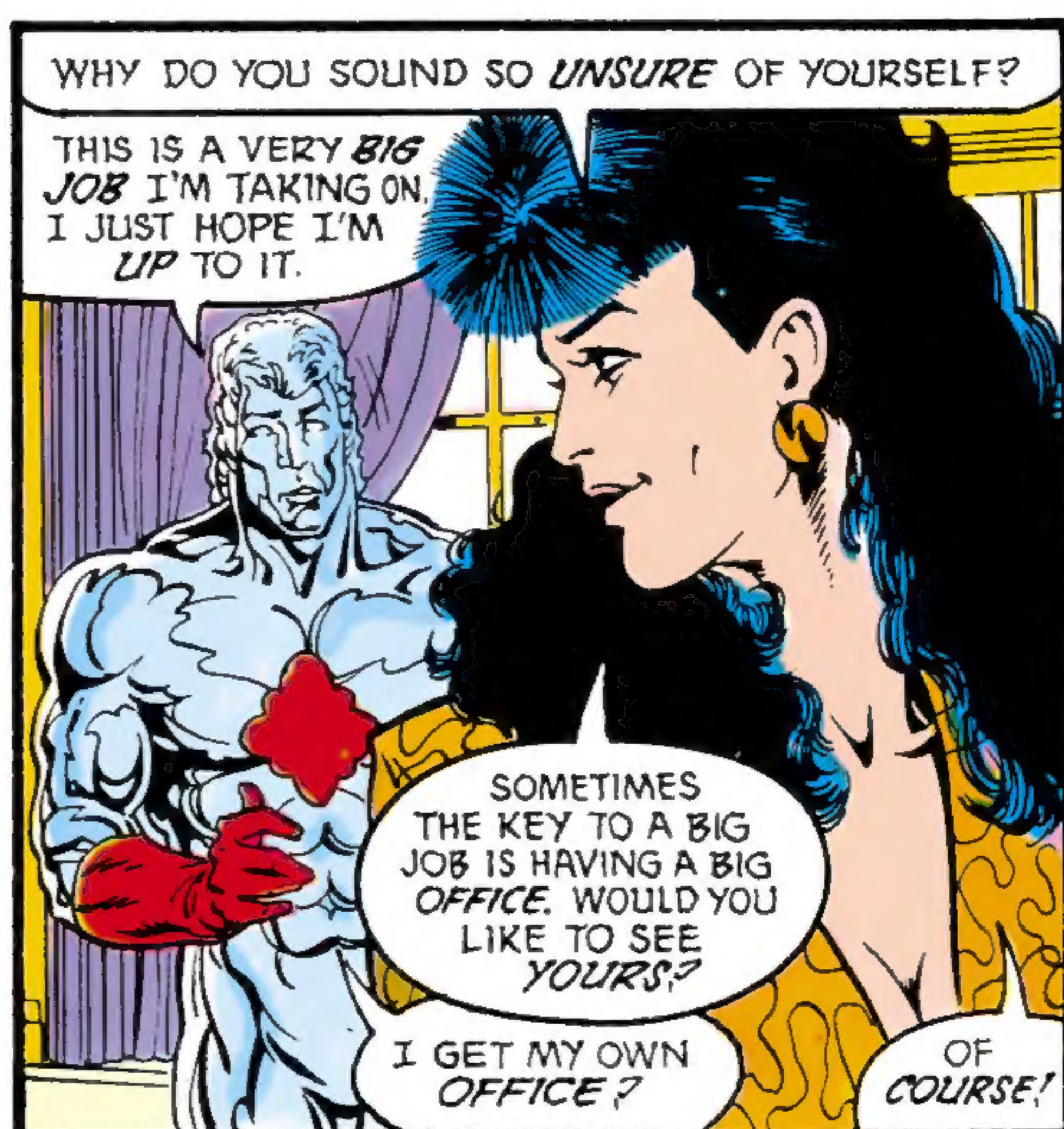
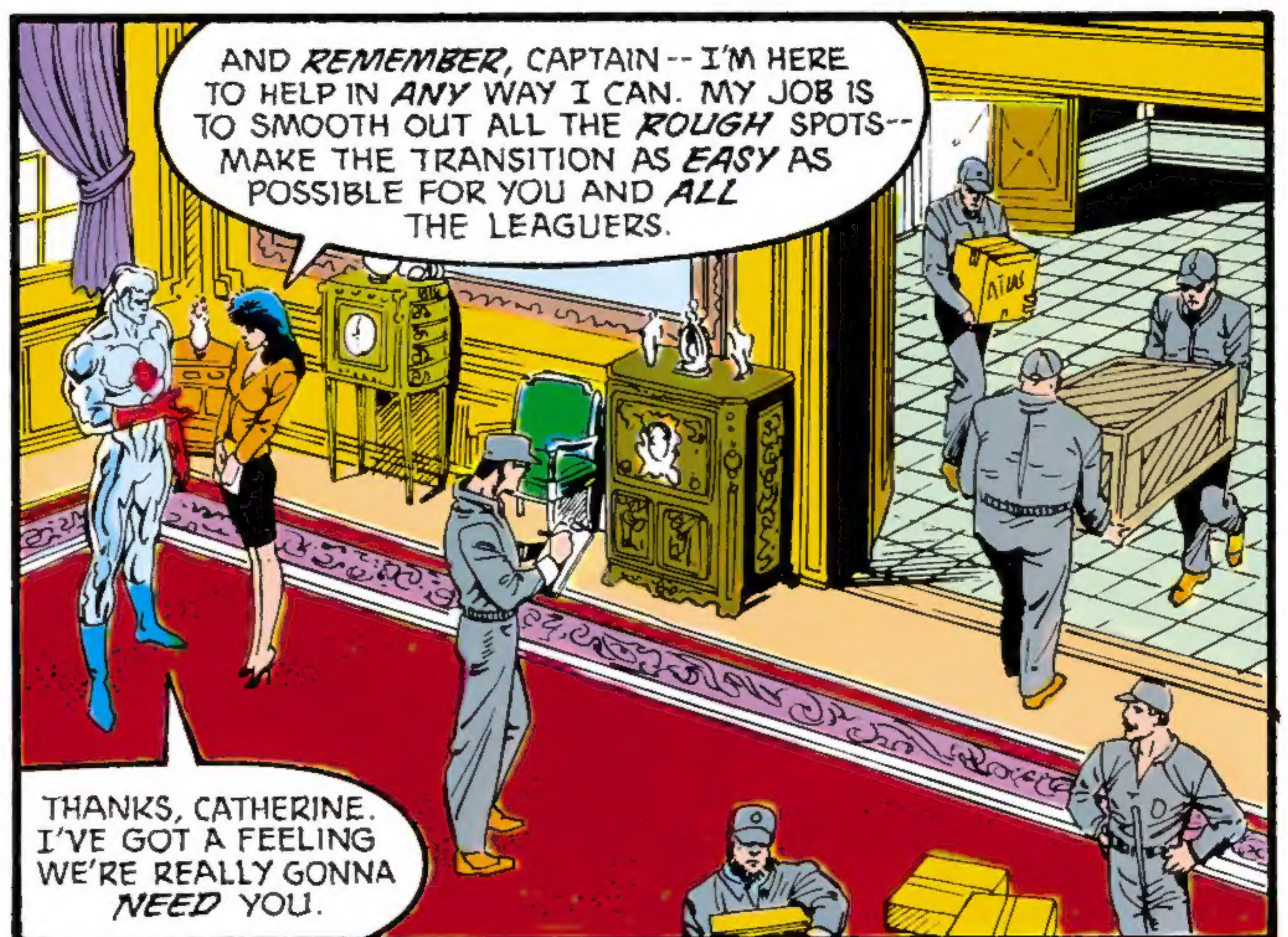
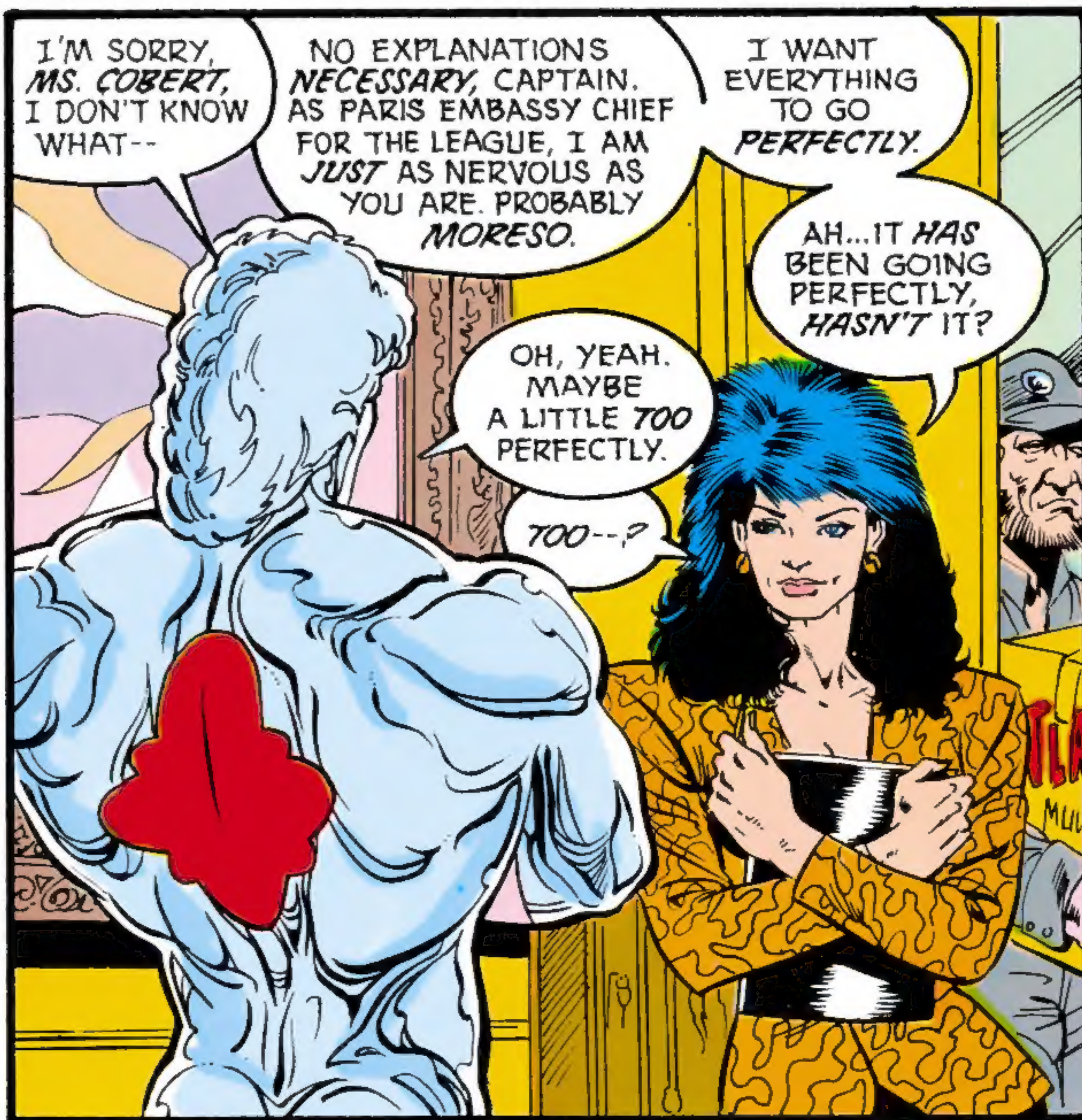
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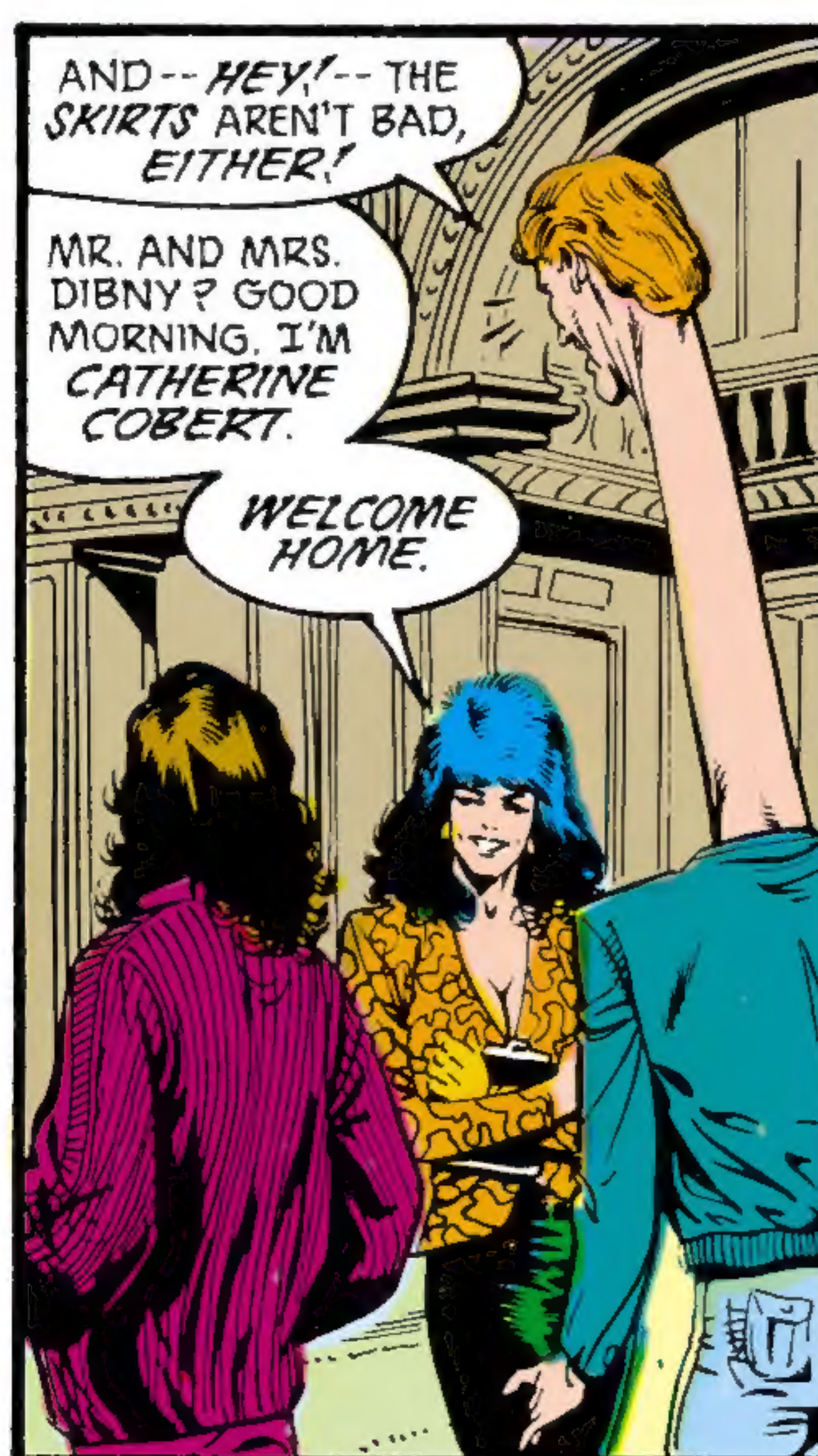
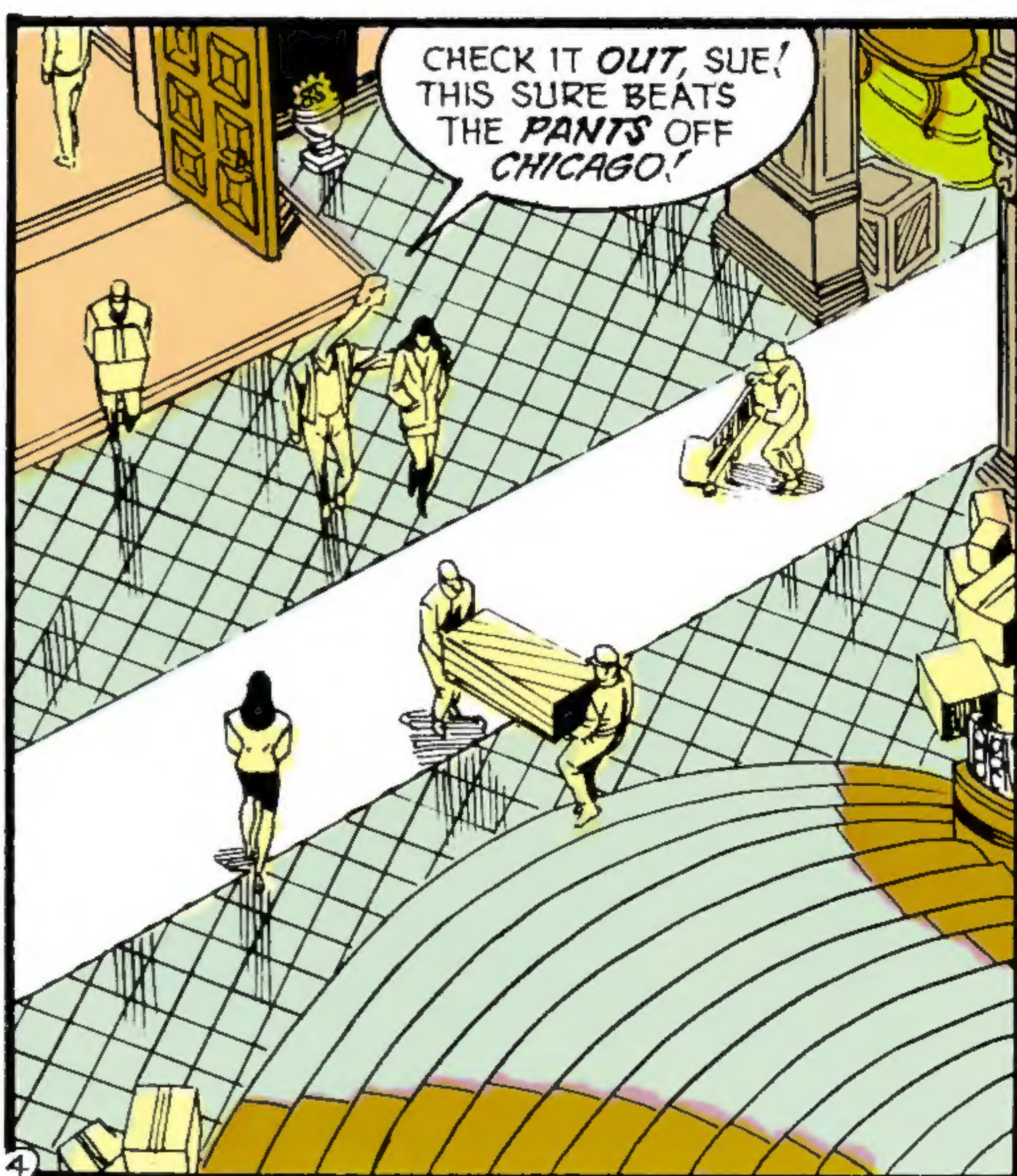
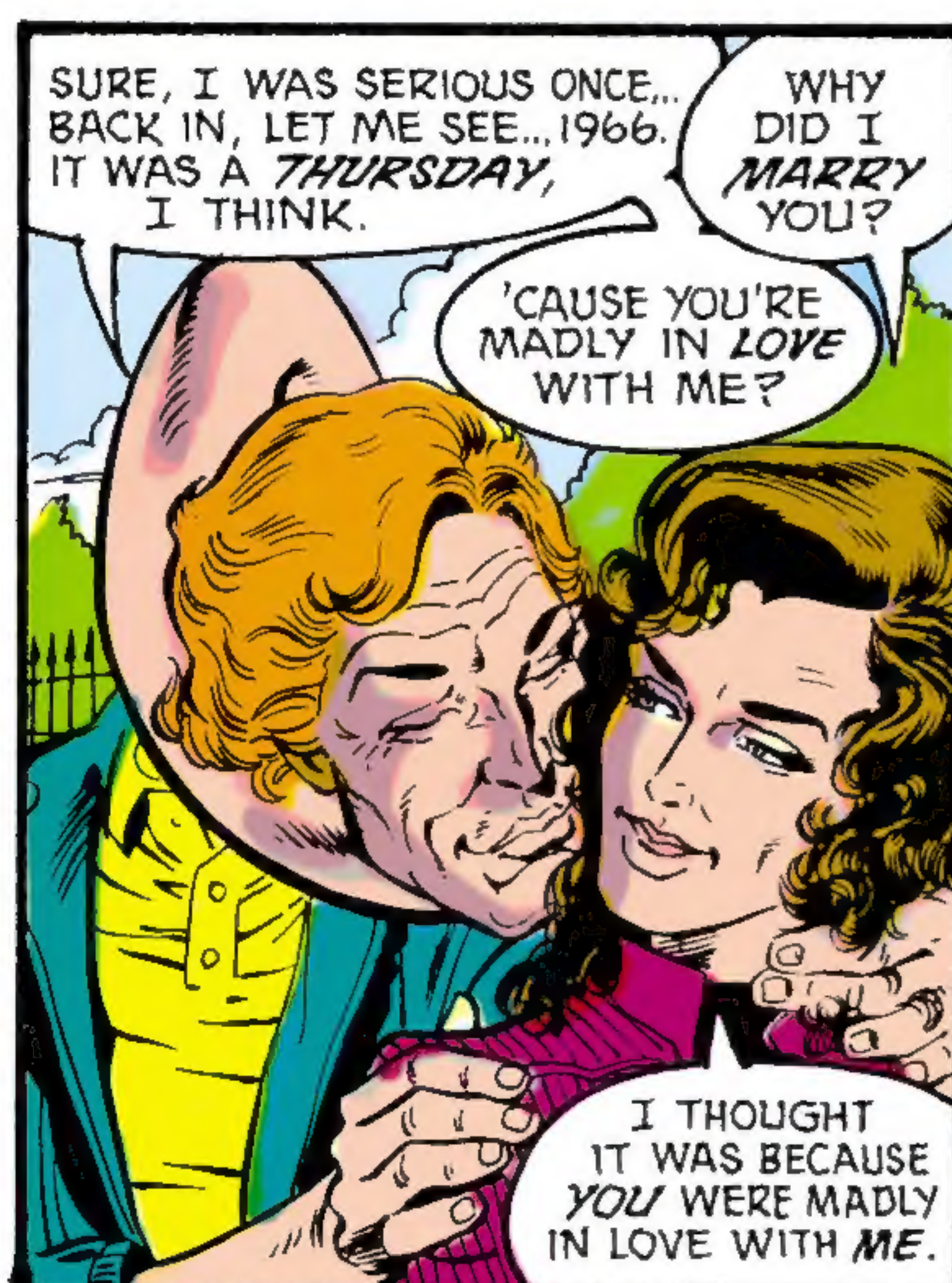
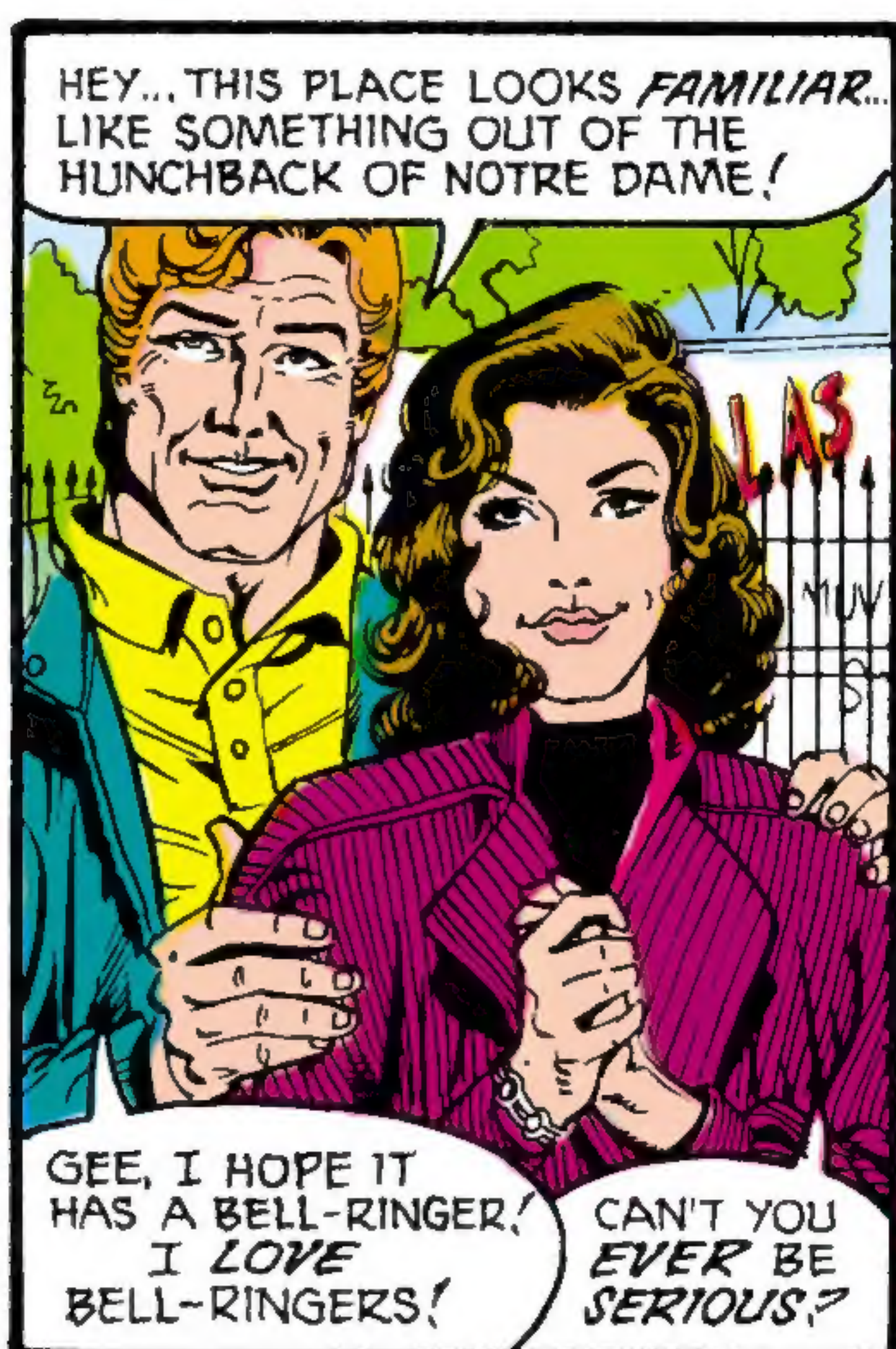
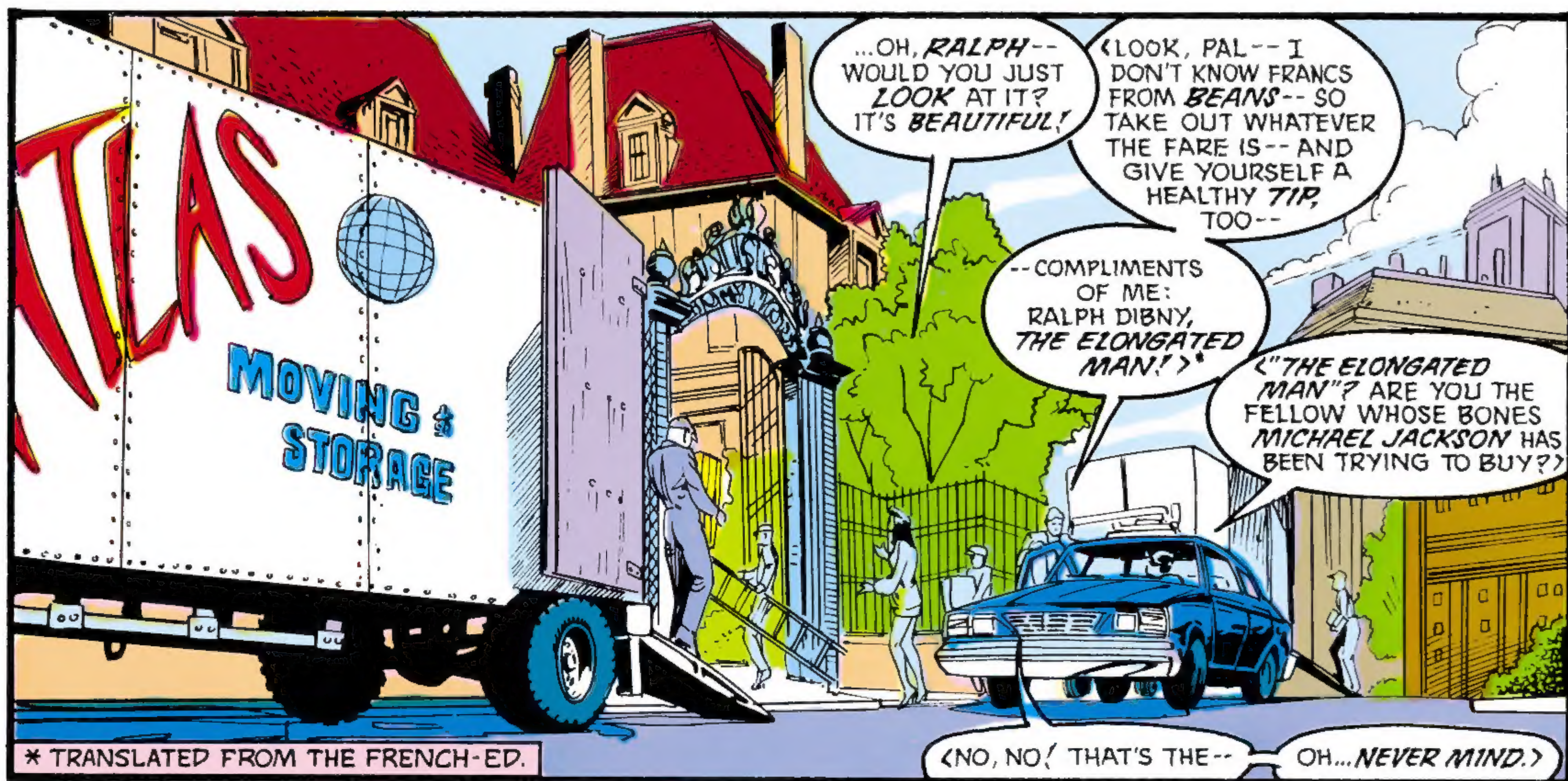
HOW YA GONNA KEEP 'EM
DOWN ON THE FARM
AFTER THEY'VE SEEN PAREE?

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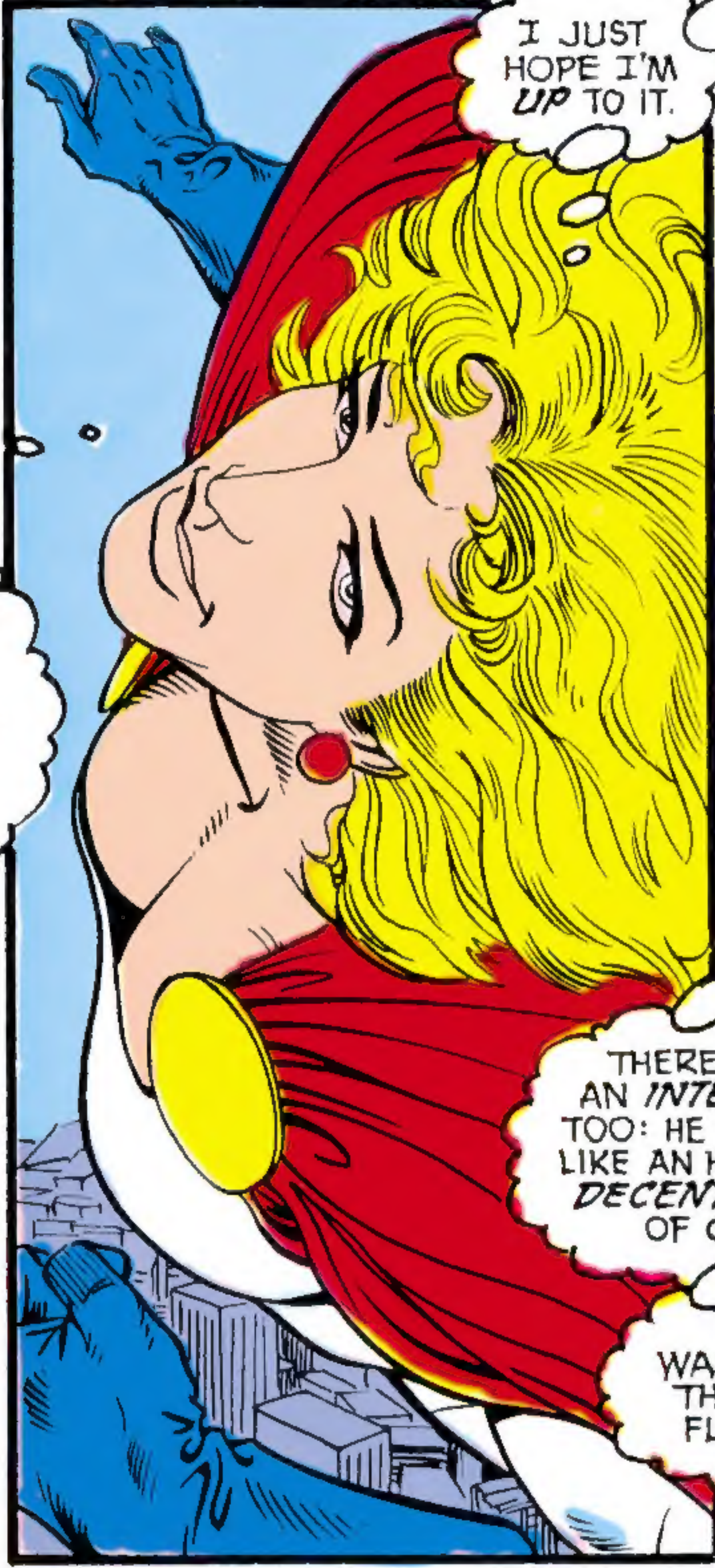


...AND, FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, THE AMAZING *POWER GIRL* FLIES OVER THE CITY OF LIGHTS-- A BEACON OF HOPE TO THE MILLIONS BELOW."

WELL, MAYBE *SOMEDAY*.

RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE SIGNING ON WITH THE *LEAGUE*. IT'S A REAL *HONOR*--AND ONE I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE *LIGHTLY*.

GOD, I'M SO *NERVOUS*! FIGHTING LORDS OF CHAOS IS *ONE* THING--BUT WORKING SIDE BY SIDE WITH SOME OF THE GREATEST HEROES ON *EARTH* IS, WELL--



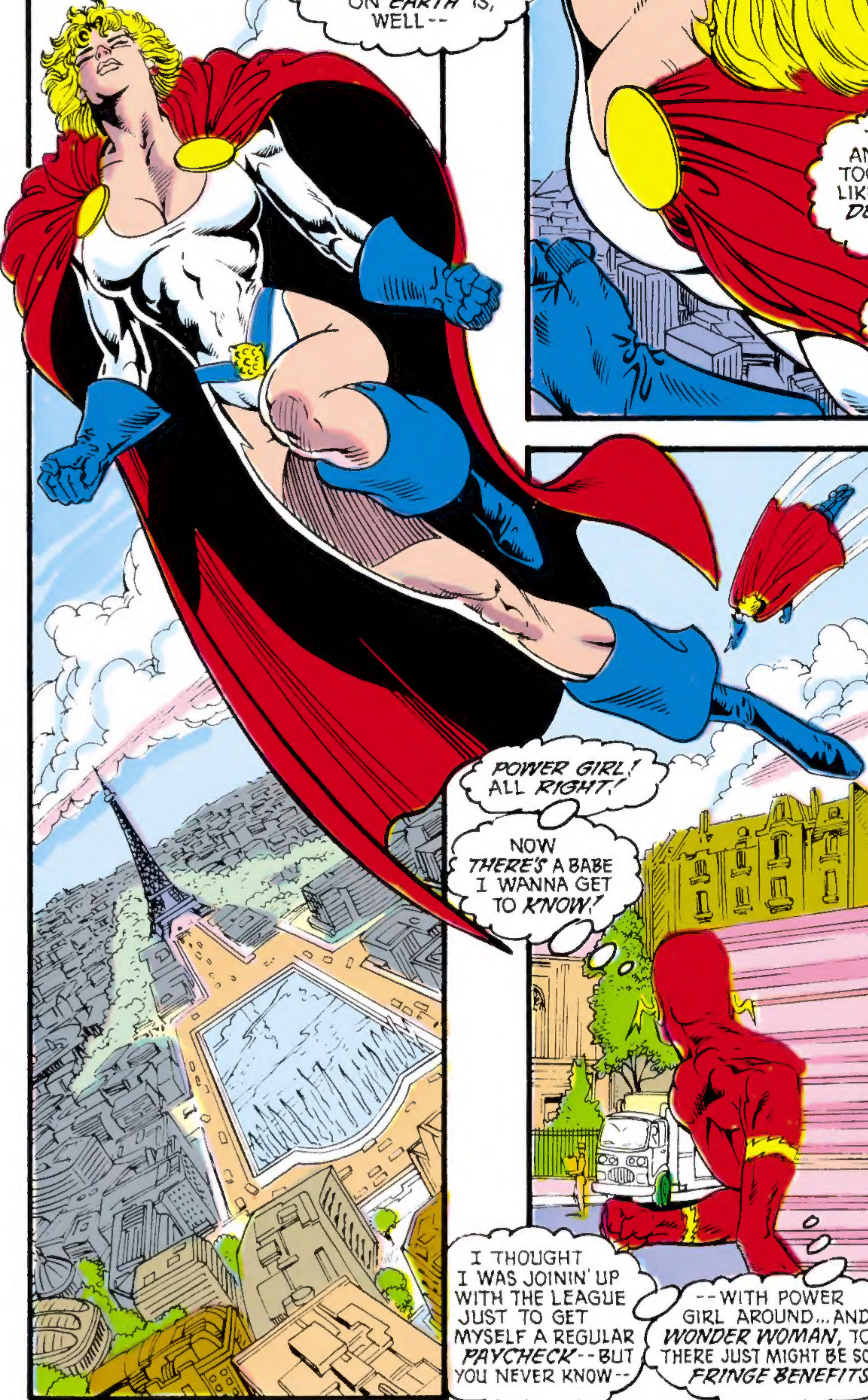
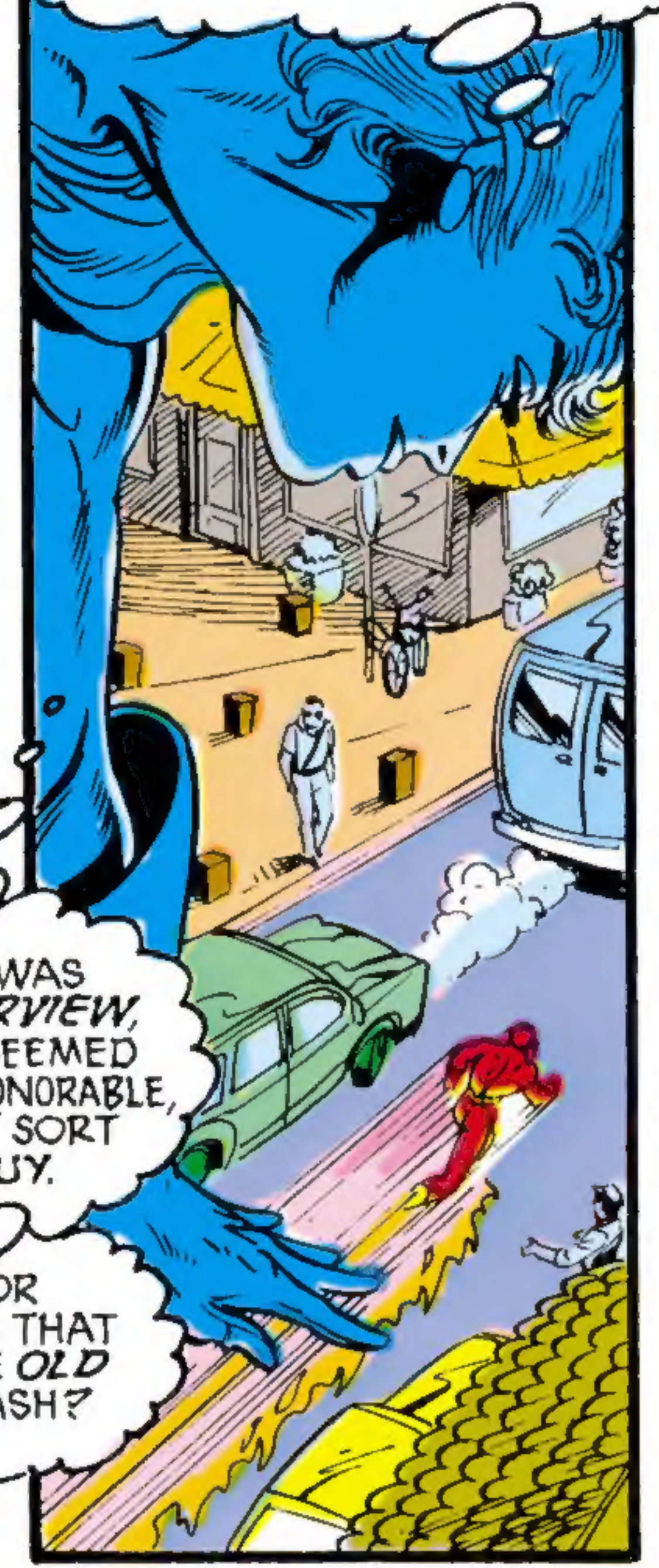
I JUST HOPE I'M *UP* TO IT.

THERE WAS AN *INTERVIEW*, TOO: HE SEEMED LIKE AN HONORABLE, *DECENT* SORT OF GUY.

OR WAS THAT THE *OLD* FLASH?

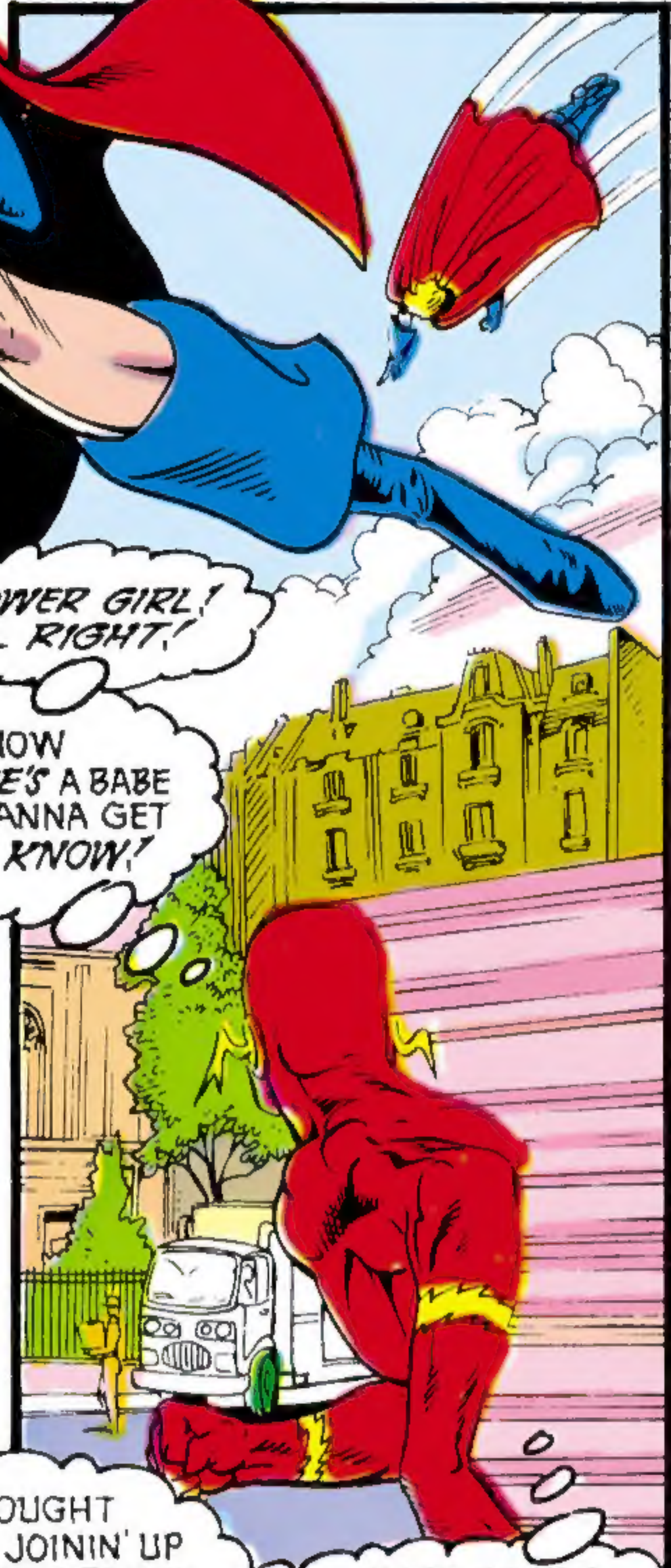
--HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE THE *FLASH* DOWN THERE! I WONDER IF HE *RAN* ALL THE WAY FROM THE STATES.

I SAW A *DOCUMENTARY* ON HIM ONCE-- HE COULD ACTUALLY RUN *ACROSS* WATER!



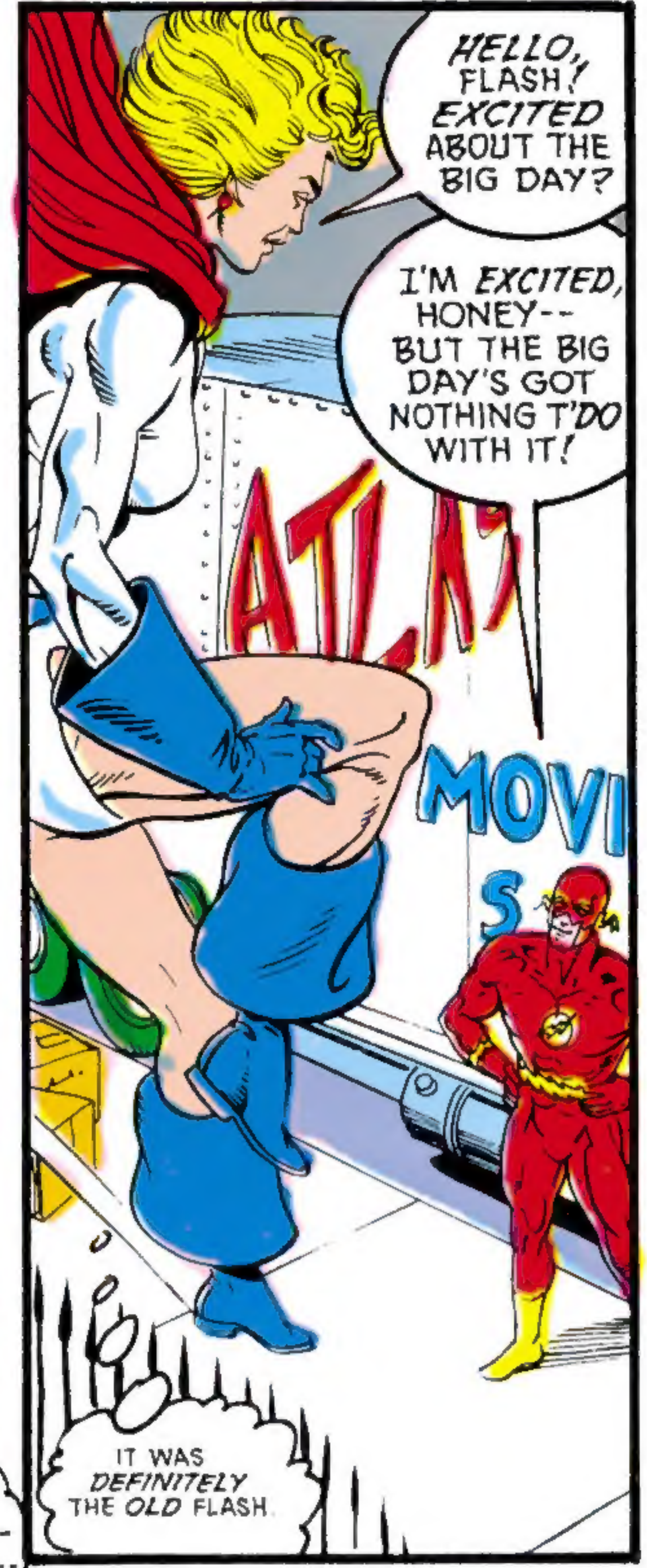
POWER GIRL! ALL RIGHT!

NOW THERE'S A *BABE* I WANNA GET TO *KNOW*!



I THOUGHT I WAS JOININ' UP WITH THE *LEAGUE* JUST TO GET MYSELF A REGULAR *PAYCHECK*--BUT YOU NEVER KNOW--

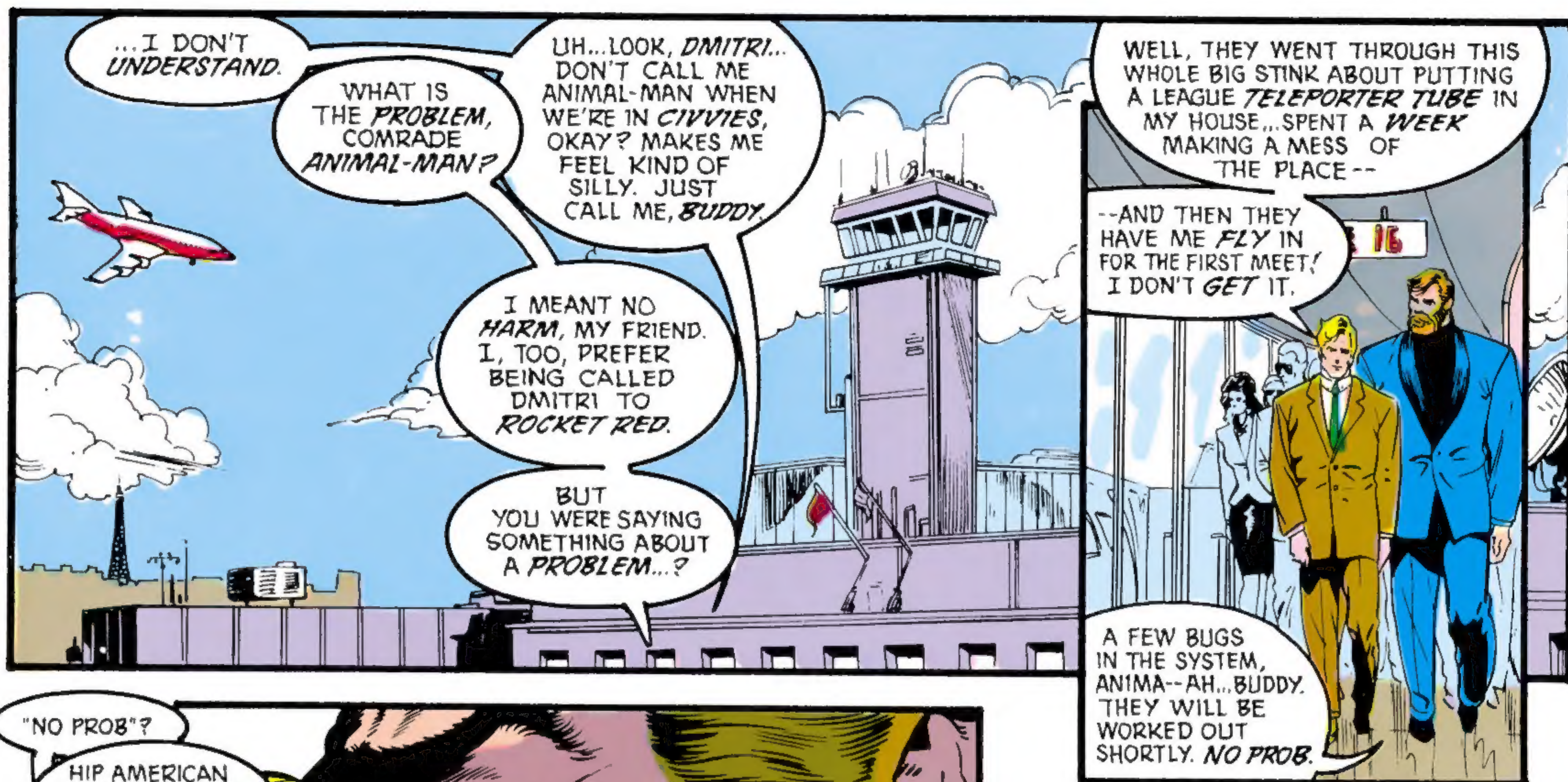
--WITH *POWER GIRL* AROUND...AND *WONDER WOMAN*, TOO-- THERE JUST MIGHT BE SOME *FRINGE* BENEFITS!



HELLO, *FLASH*! EXCITED ABOUT THE *BIG* DAY?

I'M *EXCITED*, HONEY-- BUT THE *BIG* DAY'S GOT NOTHING T'DO WITH IT!

IT WAS *DEFINITELY* THE *OLD* FLASH.



...I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WHAT IS THE *PROBLEM*, COMRADE *ANIMAL-MAN*?

UH...LOOK, *DMITRI*... DON'T CALL ME *ANIMAL-MAN* WHEN WE'RE IN *CIVVIES*, OKAY? MAKES ME FEEL KIND OF SILLY. JUST CALL ME, *BUDDY*.

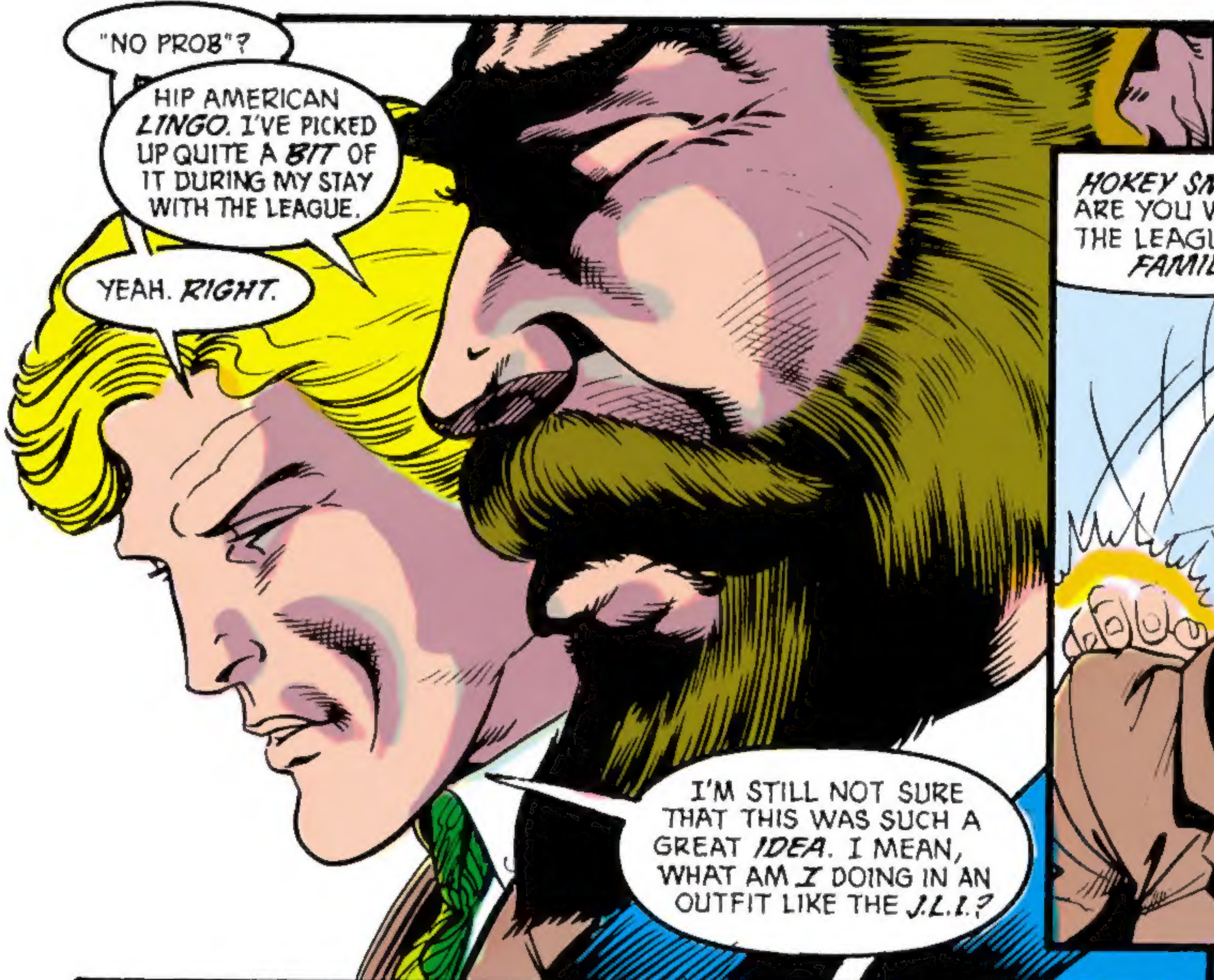
I MEANT NO *HARM*, MY FRIEND. I, TOO, PREFER BEING CALLED *DMITRI* TO *ROCKET RED*.

BUT YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT A *PROBLEM*...?

WELL, THEY WENT THROUGH THIS WHOLE BIG STINK ABOUT PUTTING A LEAGUE *TELEPORTER TUBE* IN MY HOUSE...SPENT A *WEEK* MAKING A MESS OF THE PLACE --

--AND THEN THEY HAVE ME *FLY* IN FOR THE FIRST MEET! I DON'T *GET* IT.

A FEW BUGS IN THE SYSTEM, ANIMA--AH...*BUDDY*. THEY WILL BE WORKED OUT SHORTLY. *NO PROB.*

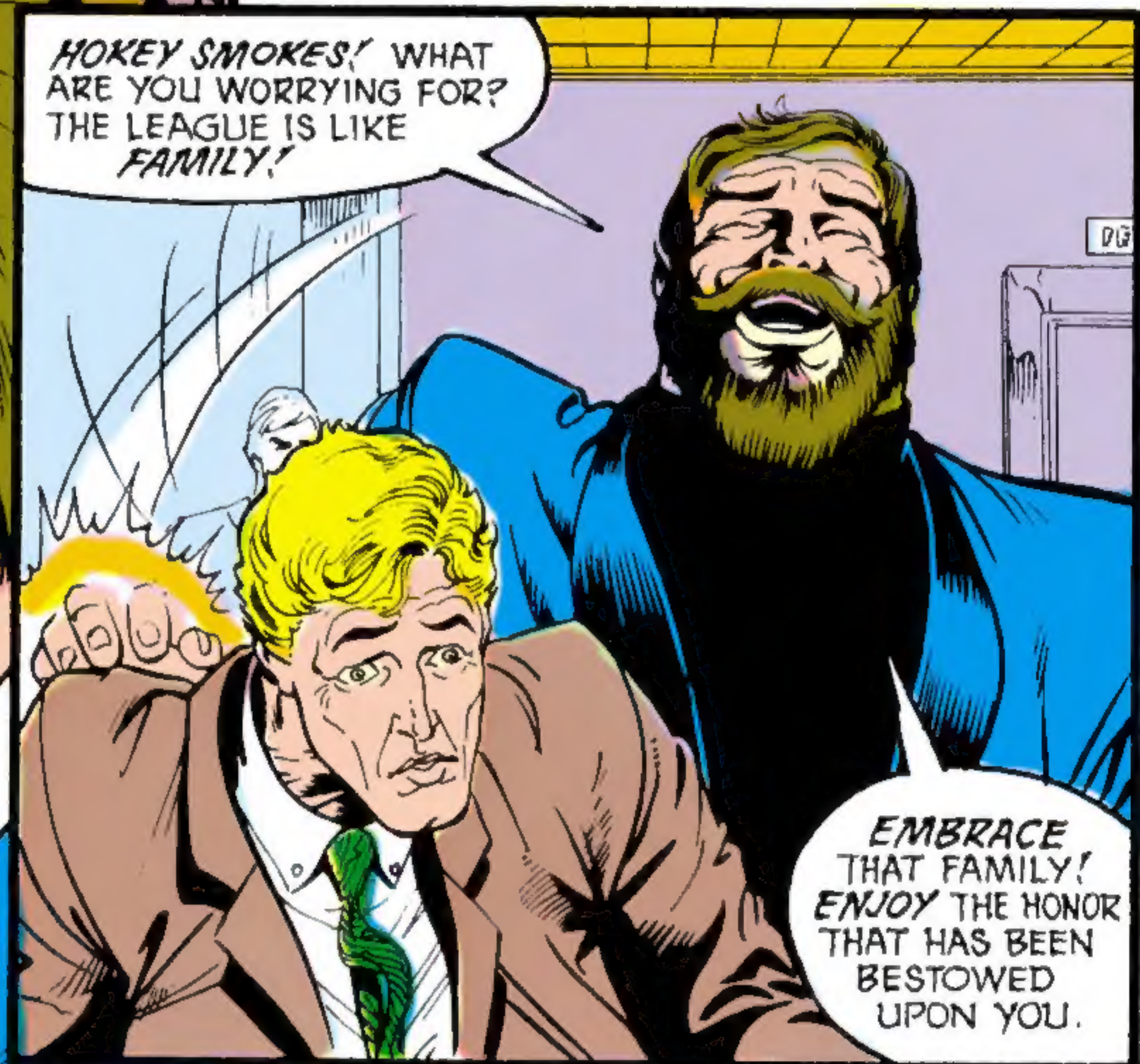


"NO PROB"?

HIP AMERICAN *LINGO*. I'VE PICKED UP QUITE A *BIT* OF IT DURING MY STAY WITH THE LEAGUE.

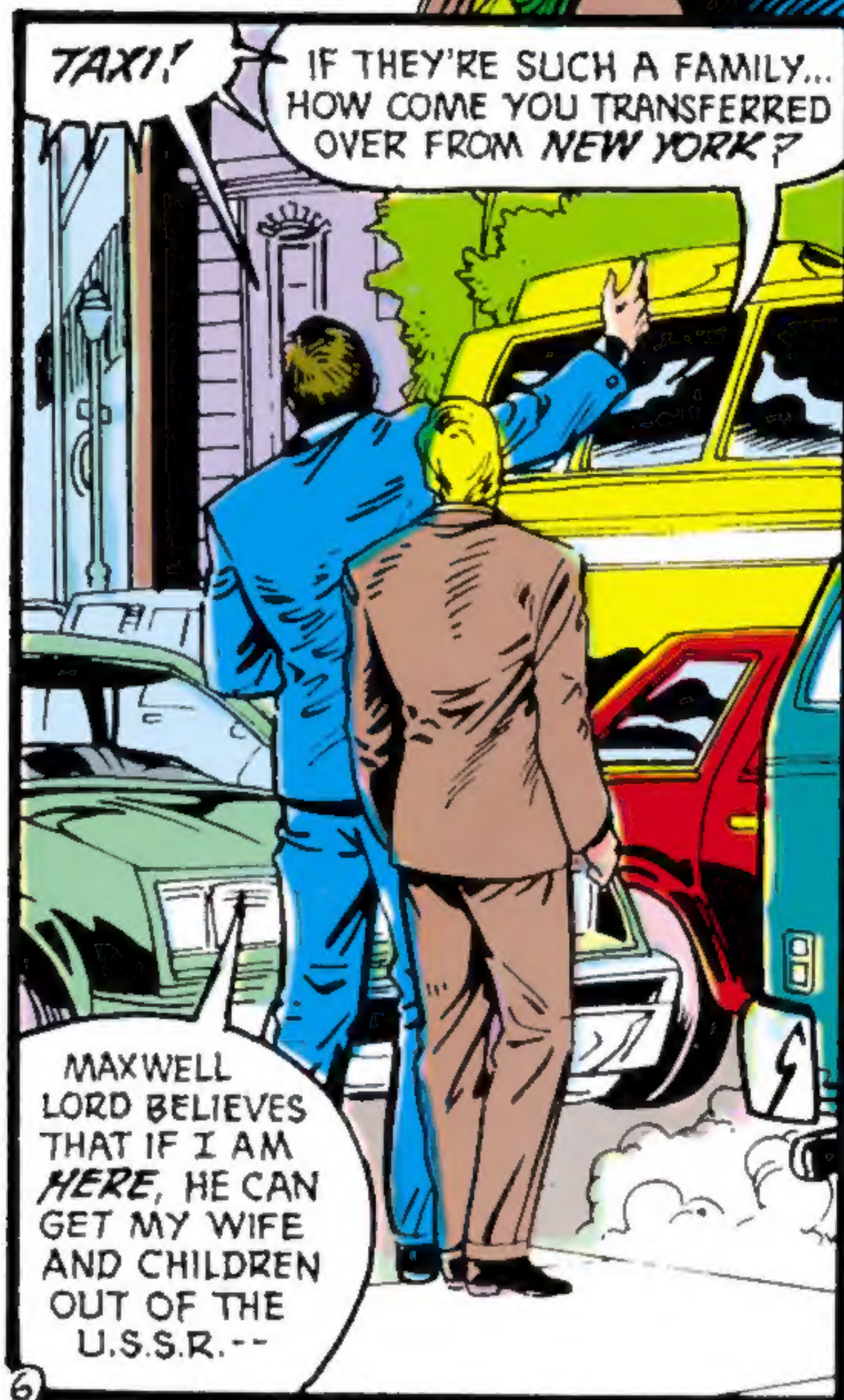
YEAH. *RIGHT*.

I'M STILL NOT SURE THAT THIS WAS SUCH A GREAT *IDEA*. I MEAN, WHAT AM I DOING IN AN OUTFIT LIKE THE *J.L.I.*?



HOKEY SMOKE! WHAT ARE YOU WORRYING FOR? THE LEAGUE IS LIKE *FAMILY*!

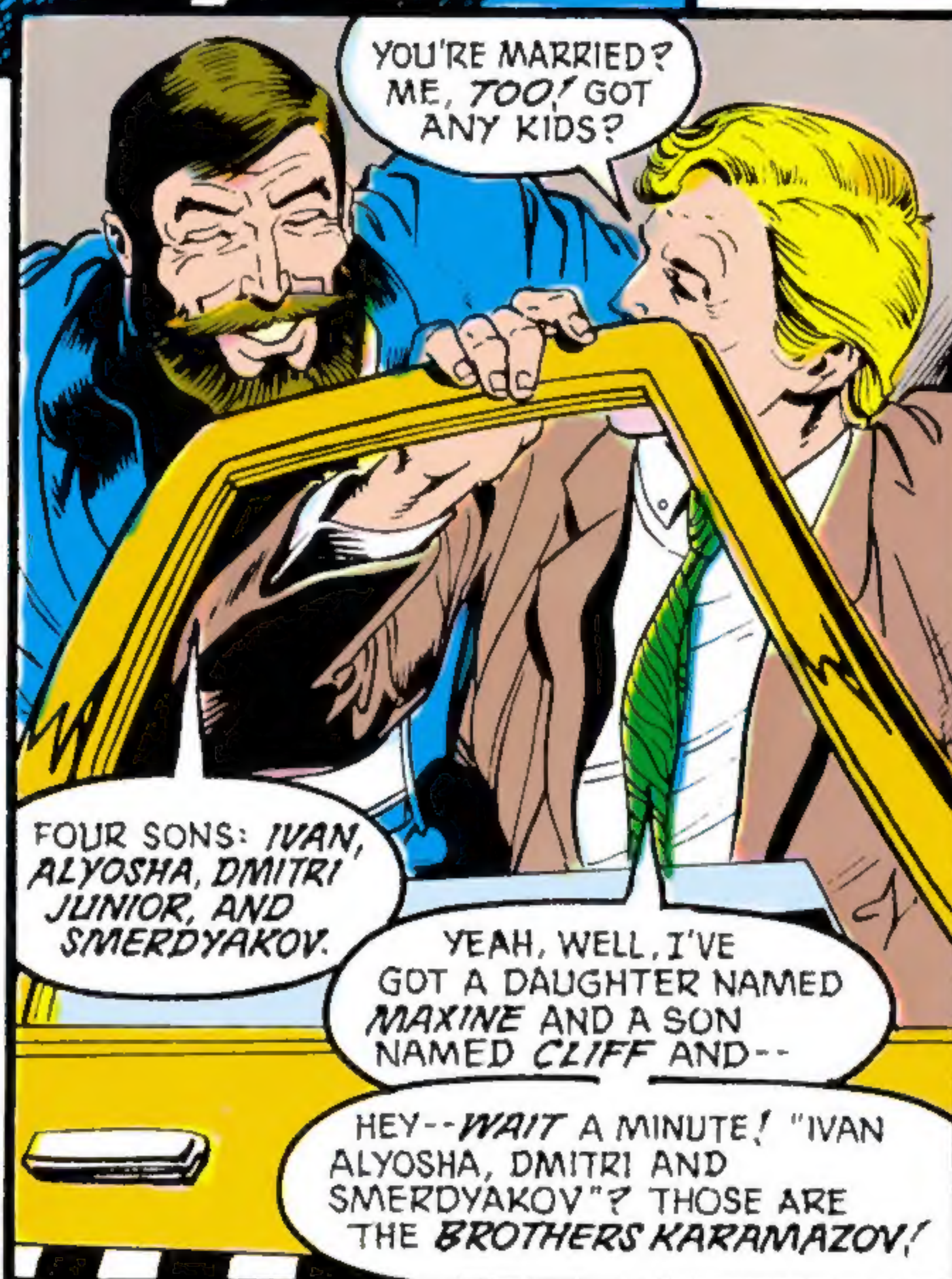
EMBRACE THAT FAMILY! *ENJOY* THE HONOR THAT HAS BEEN BESTOWED UPON YOU.



TAXI!

IF THEY'RE SUCH A FAMILY... HOW COME YOU TRANSFERRED OVER FROM *NEW YORK*?

MAXWELL LORD BELIEVES THAT IF I AM *HERE*, HE CAN GET MY WIFE AND CHILDREN OUT OF THE *U.S.S.R.*--



YOU'RE MARRIED? ME, *TOO*! GOT ANY KIDS?

FOUR SONS: *IVAN*, *ALYOSHA*, *DMITRI JUNIOR*, AND *SMERDYAKOV*.

YEAH, WELL, I'VE GOT A DAUGHTER NAMED *MAXINE* AND A SON NAMED *CLIFF* AND--

HEY--*WAIT* A MINUTE! "IVAN ALYOSHA, DMITRI AND SMERDYAKOV"? THOSE ARE THE *BROTHERS KARAMAZOV*!

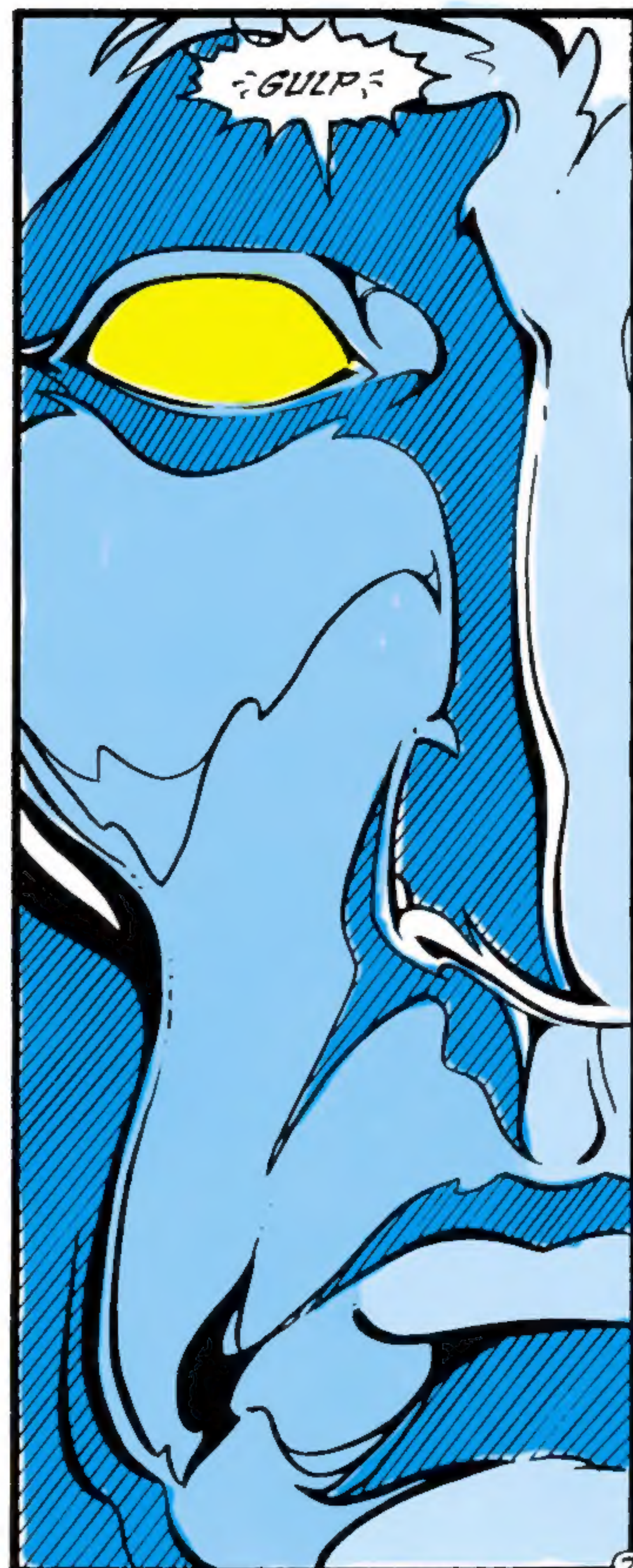
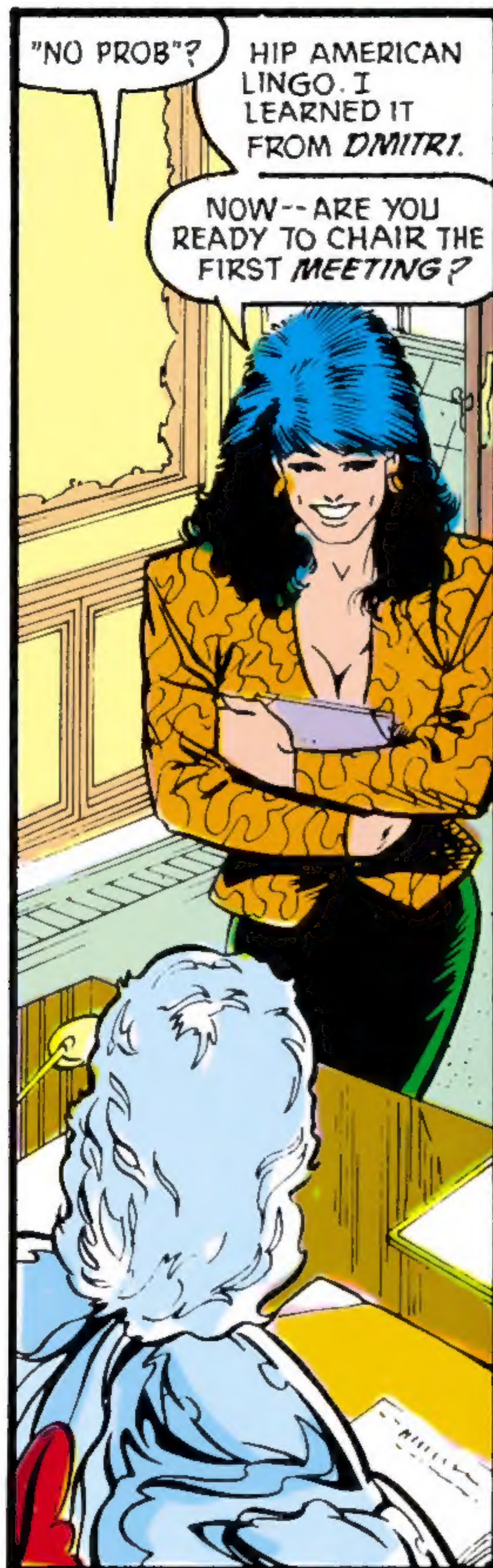
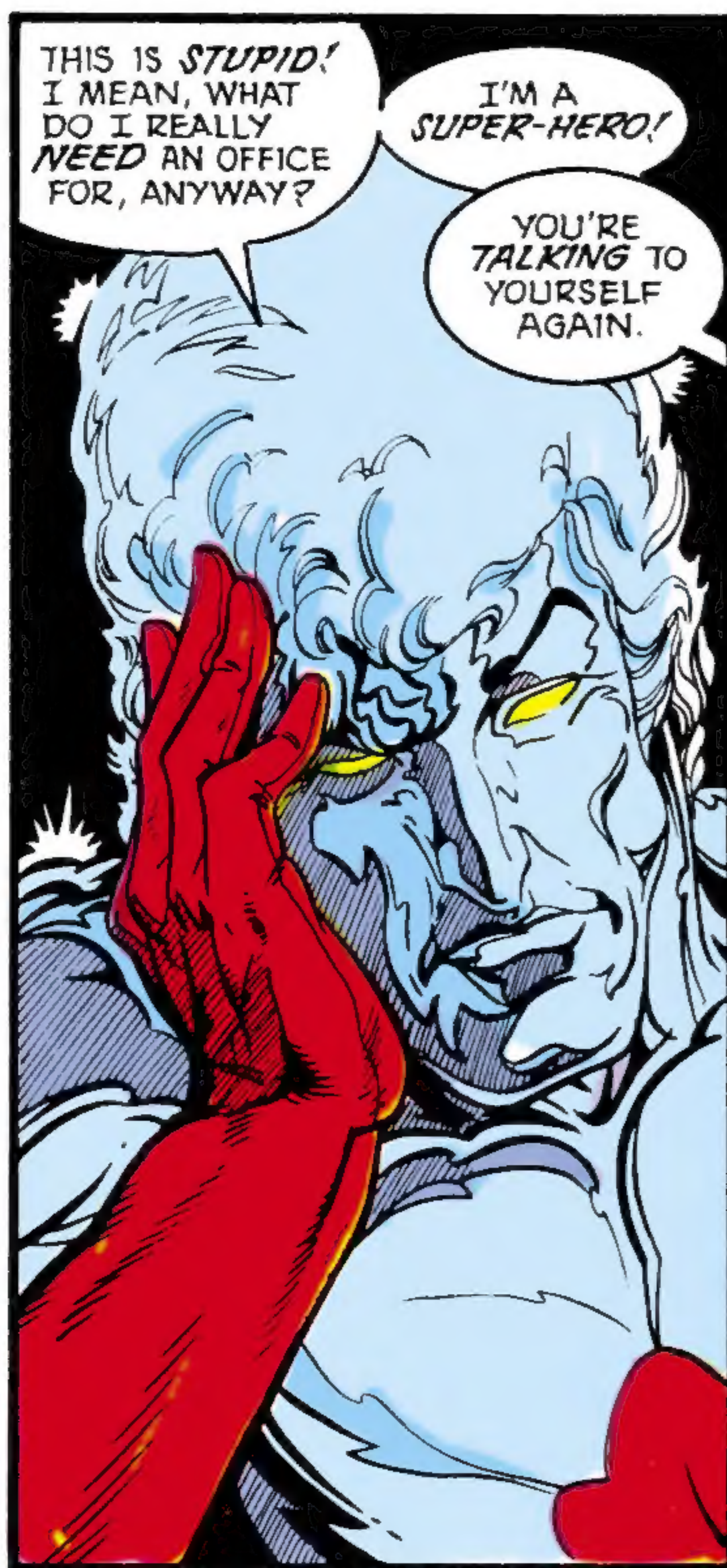
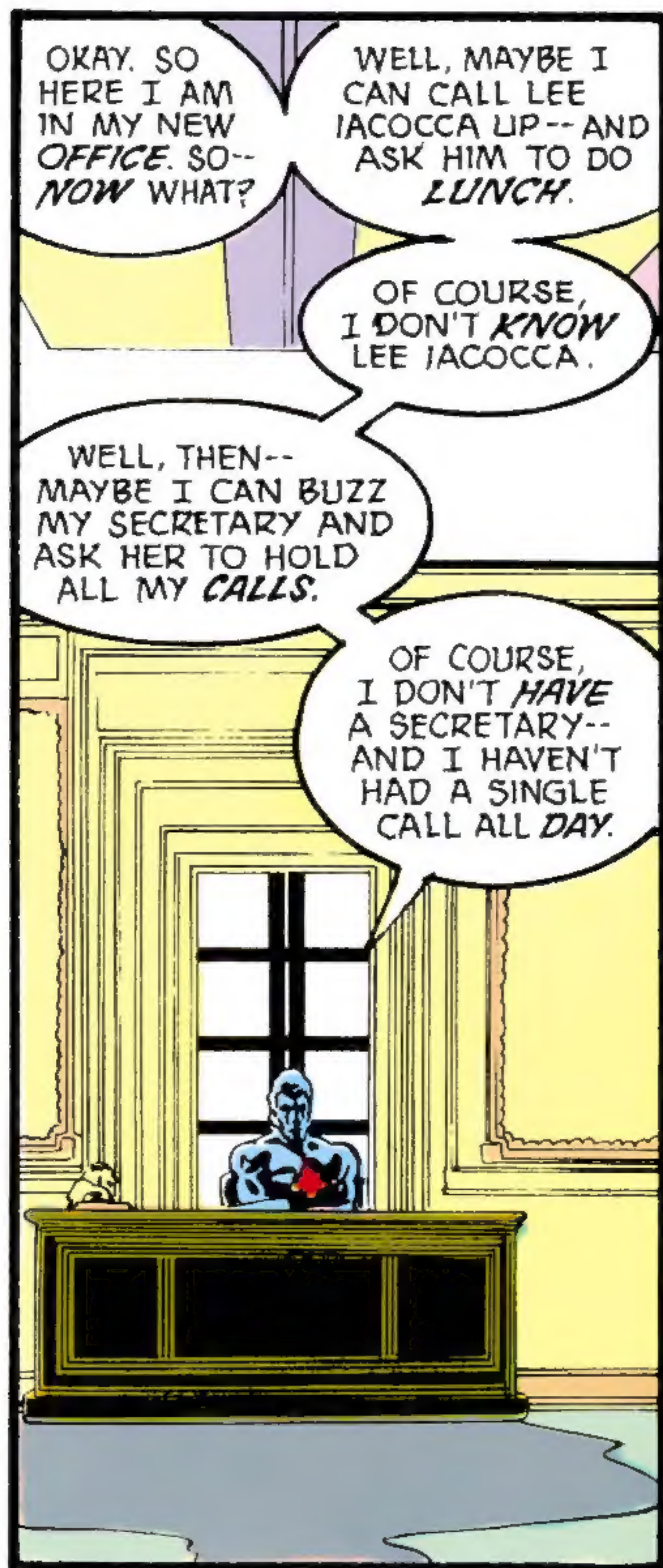


IT WAS A LITTLE JOKE, MY FRIEND!

WELL, THEN--WHAT ARE YOUR KIDS *REAL* NAMES?

THEY'RE TWINS: *RASKOLNIKOV* AND *MYSHKIN*.

FORGET I ASKED.





...WELL...UM...I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY *WELCOME* YOU ALL HERE. GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TRIP *OVER*.

I'M...AH... VERY *PROUD* TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THIS TEAM. I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT AN *HONOR* IT IS TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE. SO THAT MEANS THAT IT'S A *DOUBLE HONOR* TO BE CHAIRMAN.

SO...AH...I GUESS I'M *DOUBLY* HONORED TO BE HERE AND...AH...I'D LIKE TO FORMALLY *WELCOME* YOU, AND I...UM...I'M GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT. AND I... AH...HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD TRIP *OVER*.

DID I SAY THAT ALREADY?

YES!

OKAY...OKAY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO *YELL*.

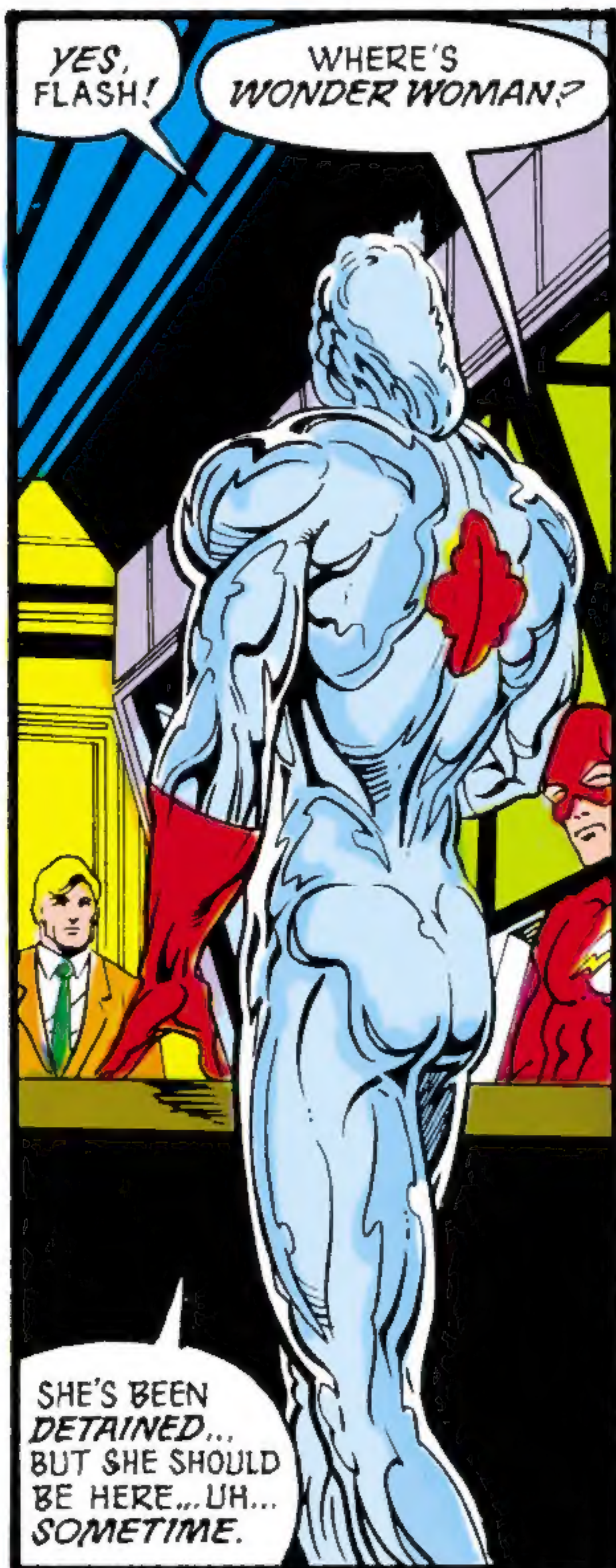


MAYBE THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS WOULD BE...AH...IF YOU JUST SPOKE UP. YOU KNOW, ASK QUESTIONS.

SOMEBODY.

PLEASE.

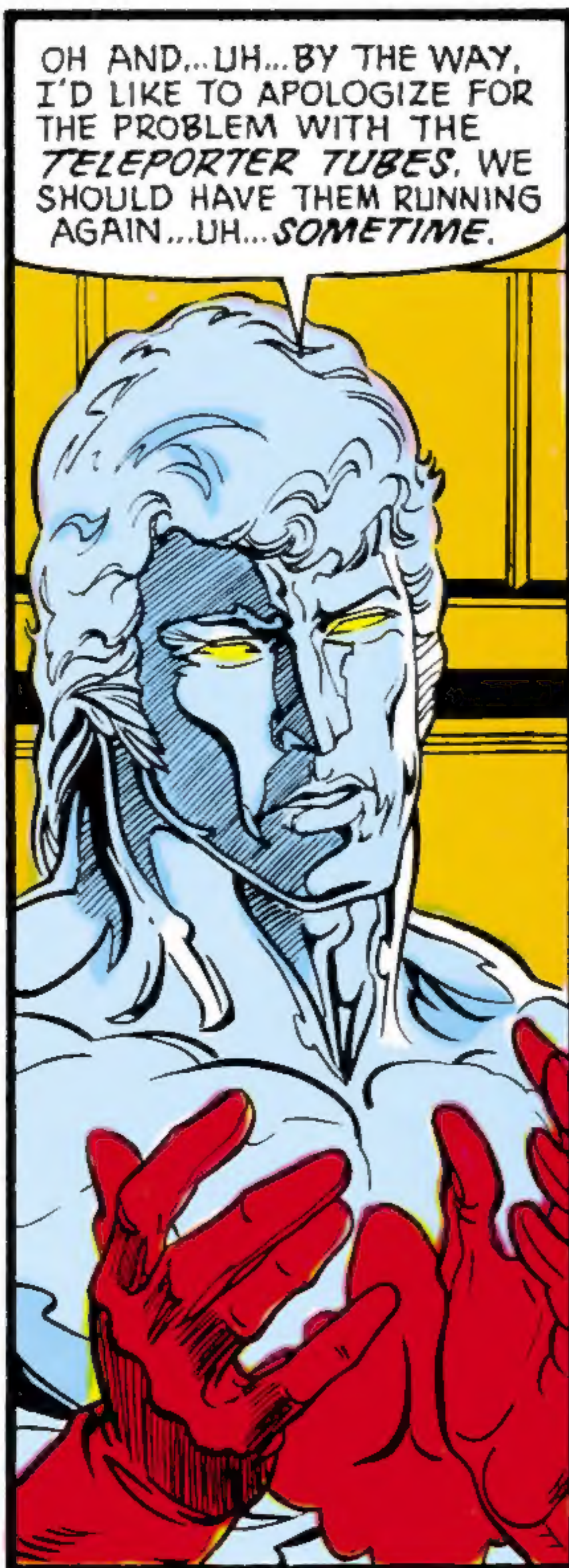
I'VE GOT A QUESTION!



YES, FLASH!

WHERE'S WONDER WOMAN?

SHE'S BEEN DETAINED... BUT SHE SHOULD BE HERE...UH... SOMETIME.

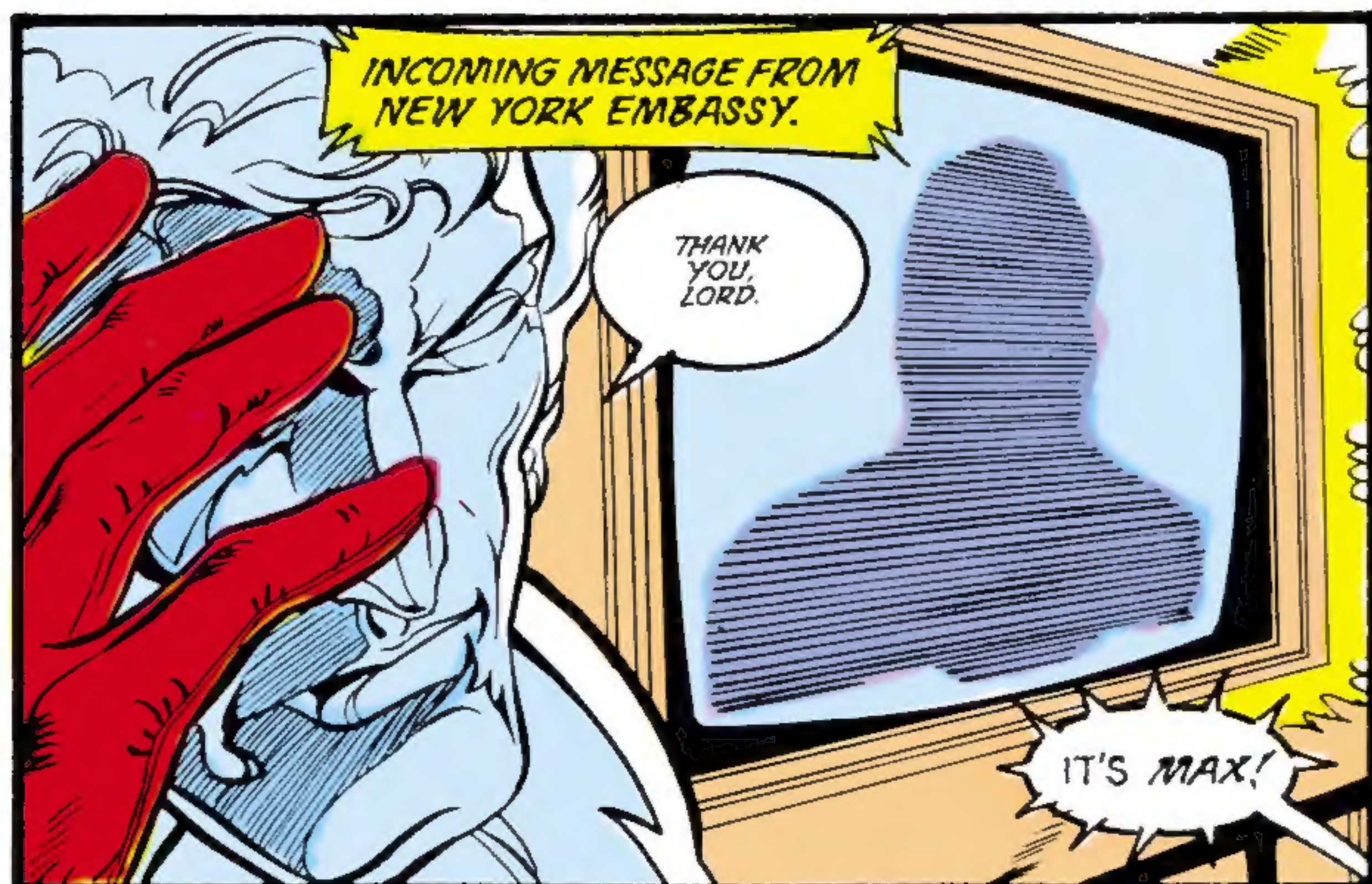


OH AND...UH...BY THE WAY, I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE PROBLEM WITH THE TELEPORTER TUBES. WE SHOULD HAVE THEM RUNNING AGAIN...UH...SOMETIME.



HEY, DIBNY-- YOU WERE IN THE OLD LEAGUE -- WHY DON'T THEY MAKE YOU CHAIRMAN? I MEAN, ANYBODY'D BE BETTER THAN THIS GUY!

THANKS FOR THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, METAMORPHO.



INCOMING MESSAGE FROM NEW YORK EMBASSY.

THANK YOU, LORD.

IT'S MAX!



HELLO. EVERYONE. I TRUST THINGS ARE GOING WELL ON YOUR END.

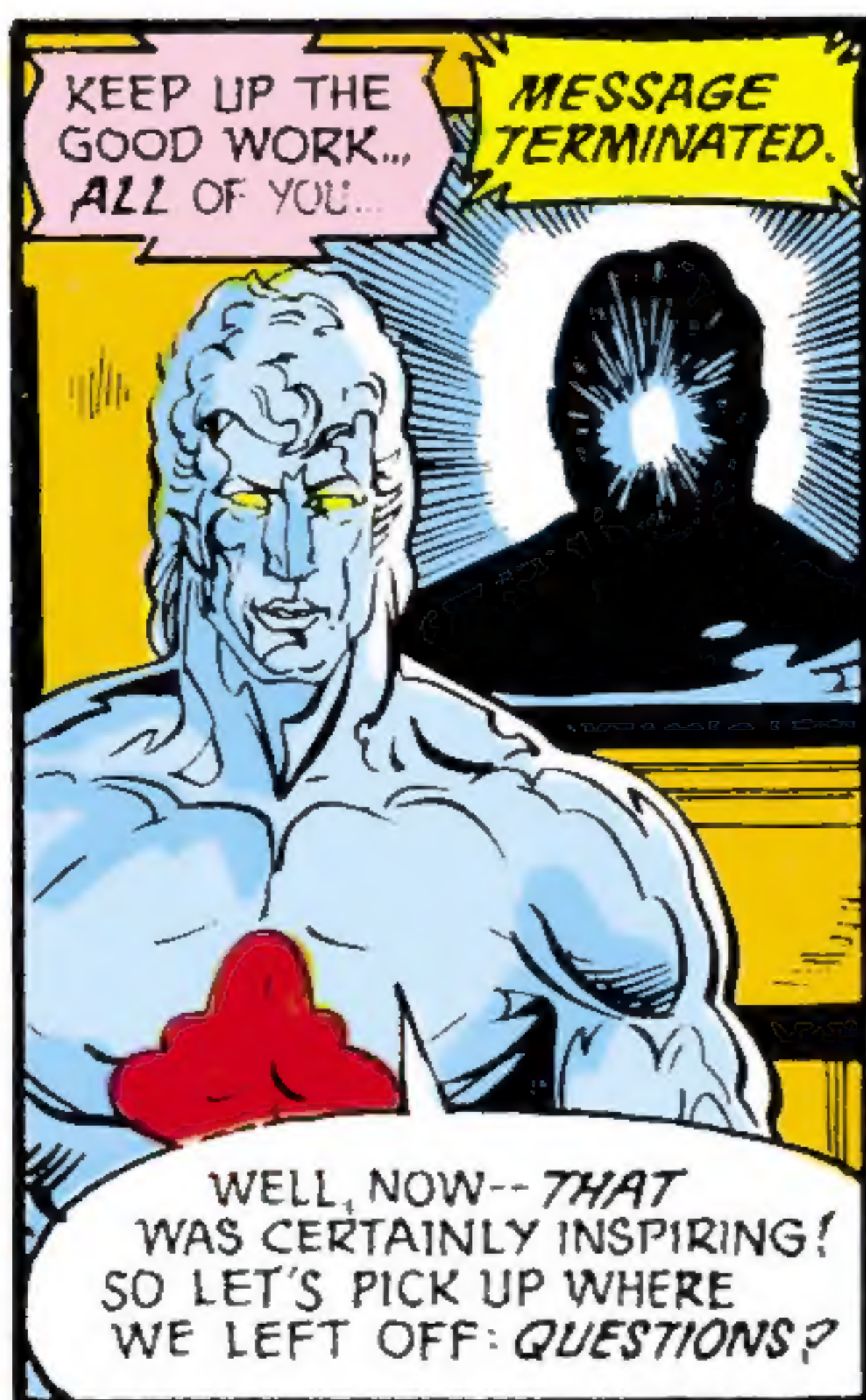
I JUST WANTED TO EXTEND A PERSONAL WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS-- AND TELL YOU HOW PLEASED I AM TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

THE LEAGUE HAS A LONG AND PROUD HISTORY-- BUT I BELIEVE THAT THERE'S NEVER BEEN A LEAGUE TO EQUAL THIS ONE.



--ONE OF THE MOST CAPABLE LEADERS I'VE EVER MET. I'M SURE HE'S ALREADY EARNED YOUR RESPECT AND ADMIRATION. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, CAPTAIN.

SO, WELCOME ABOARD, JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE! AND A SPECIAL WELCOME ABOARD TO YOUR CHAIRMAN, CAPTAIN ATOM--



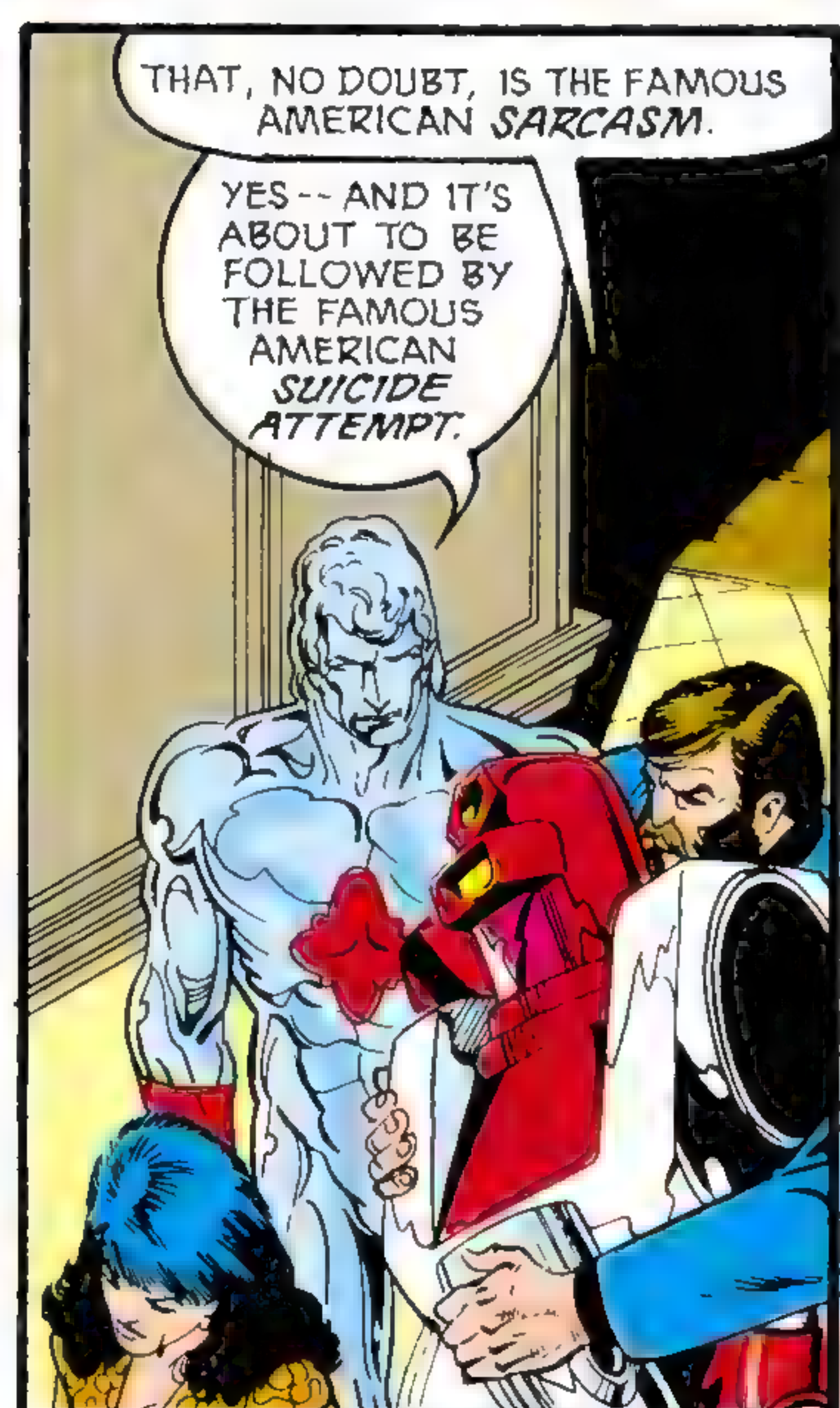
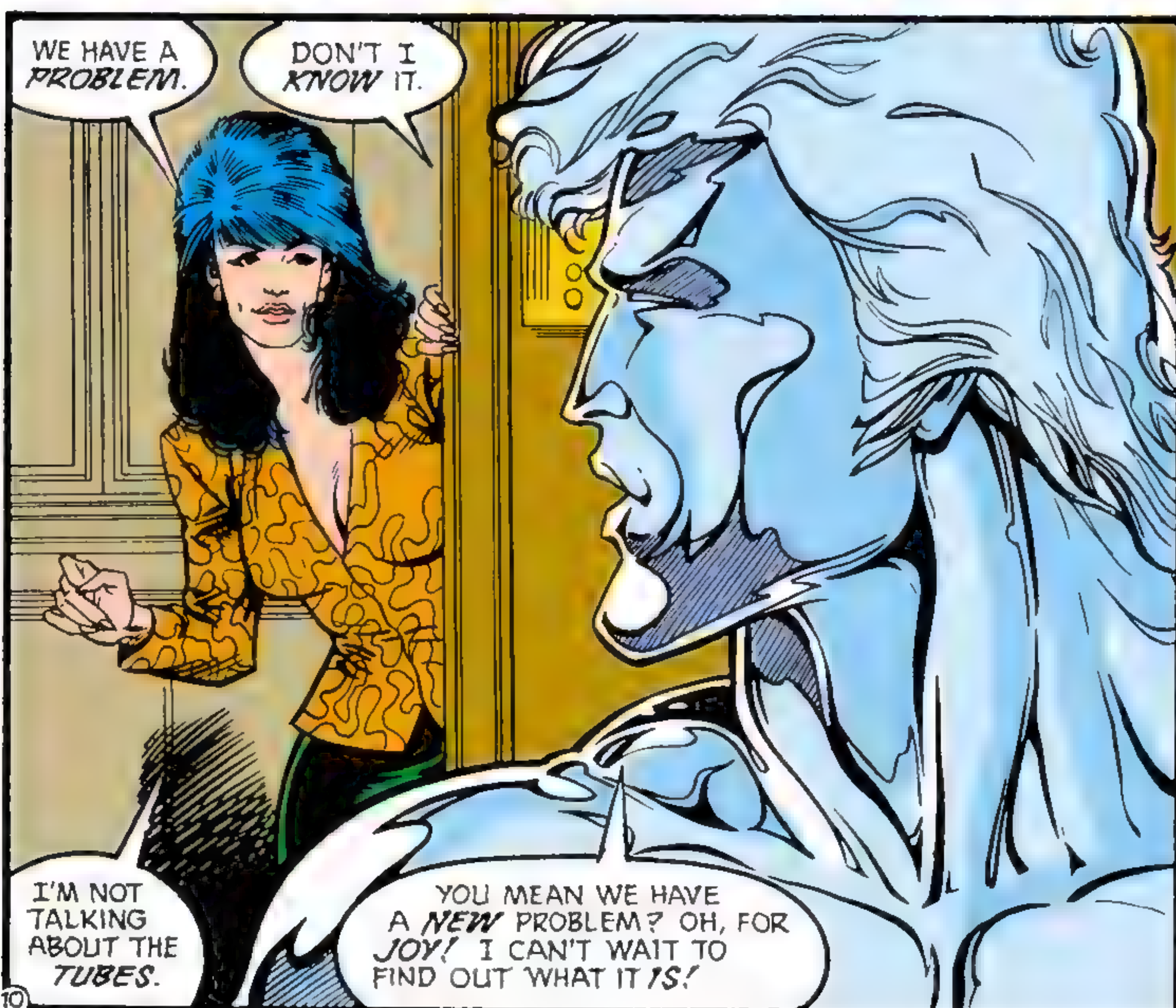
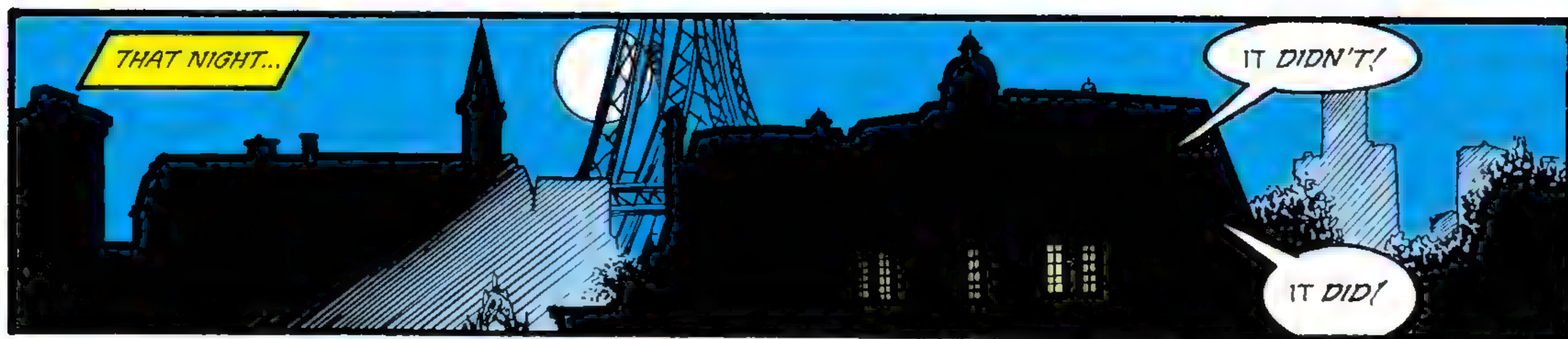
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK... ALL OF YOU...

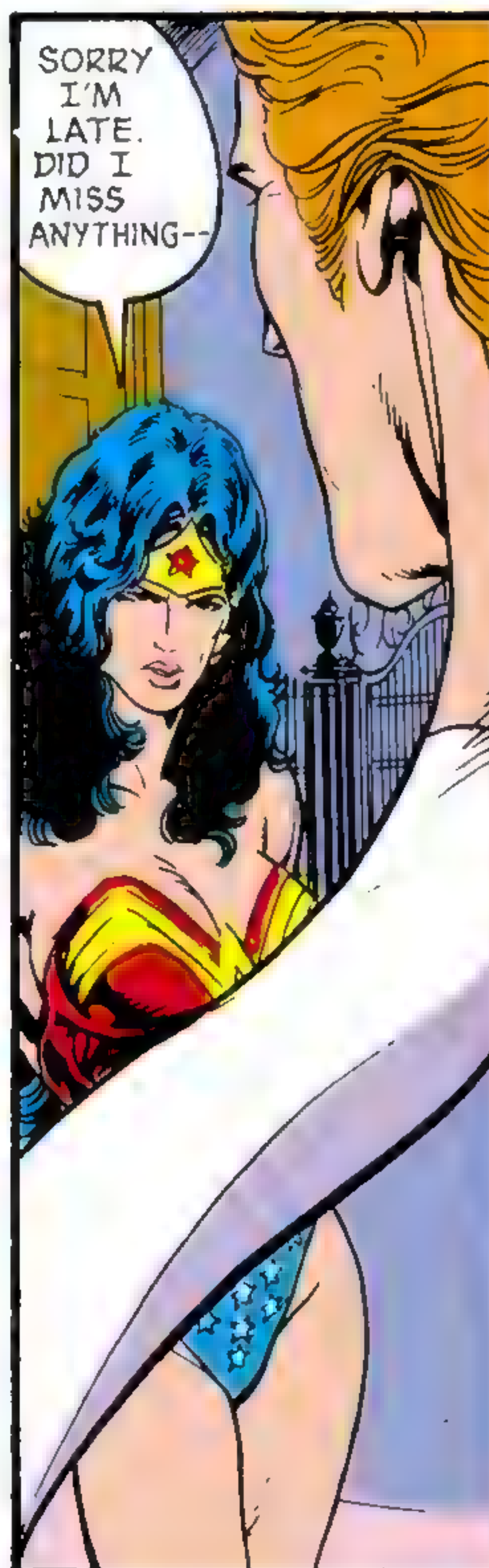
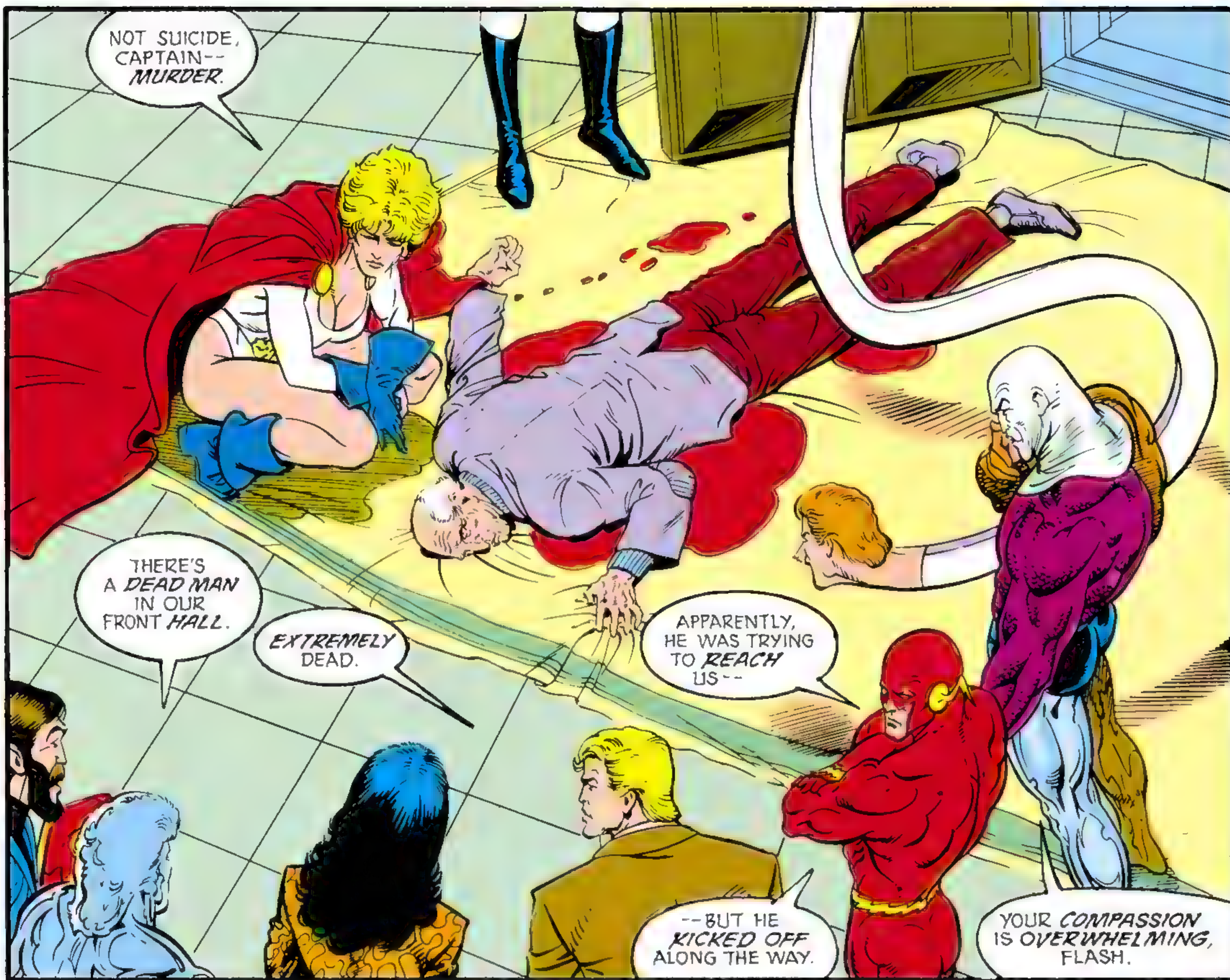
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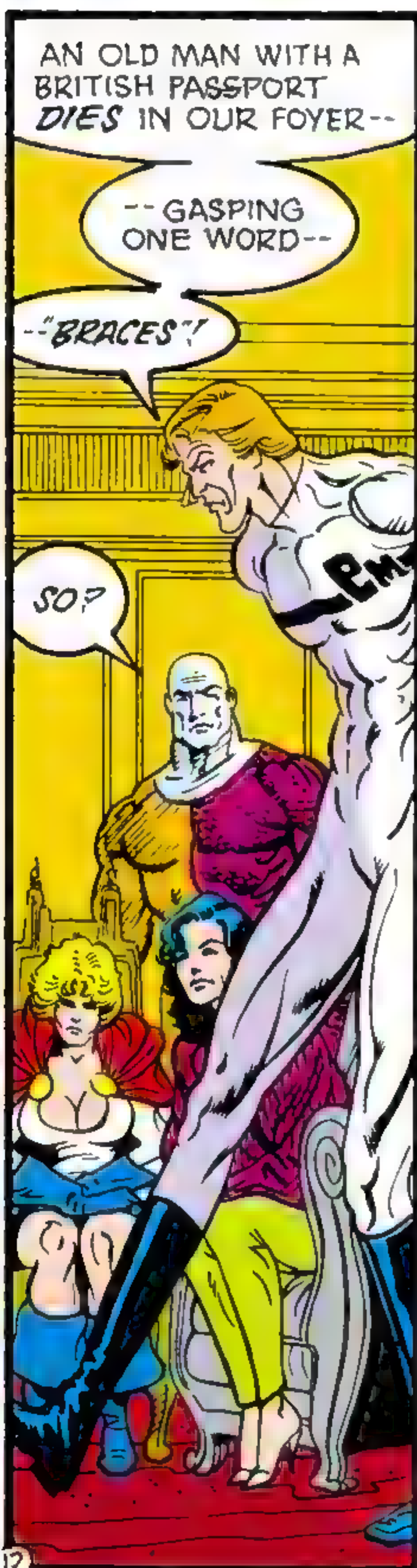
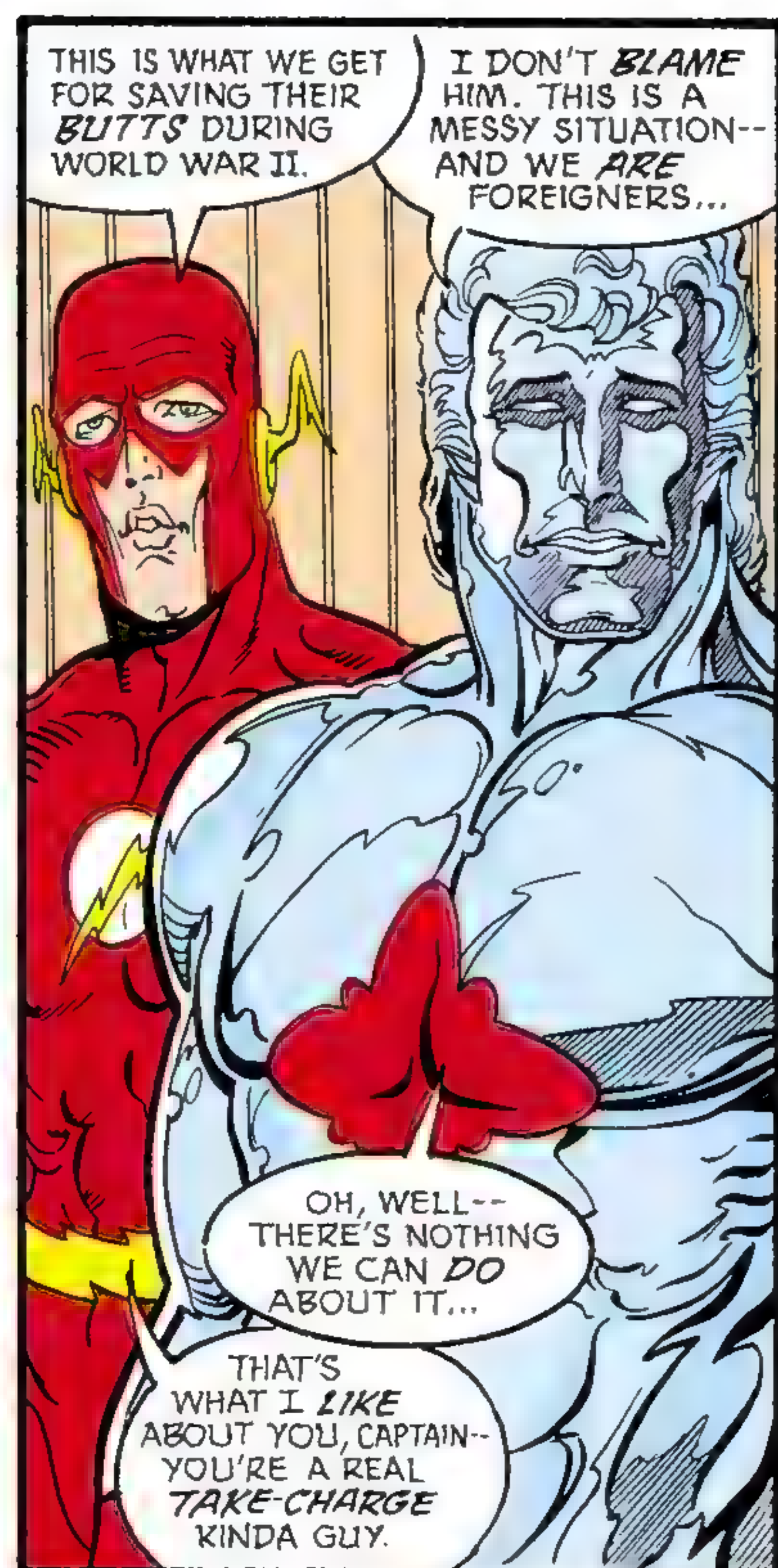
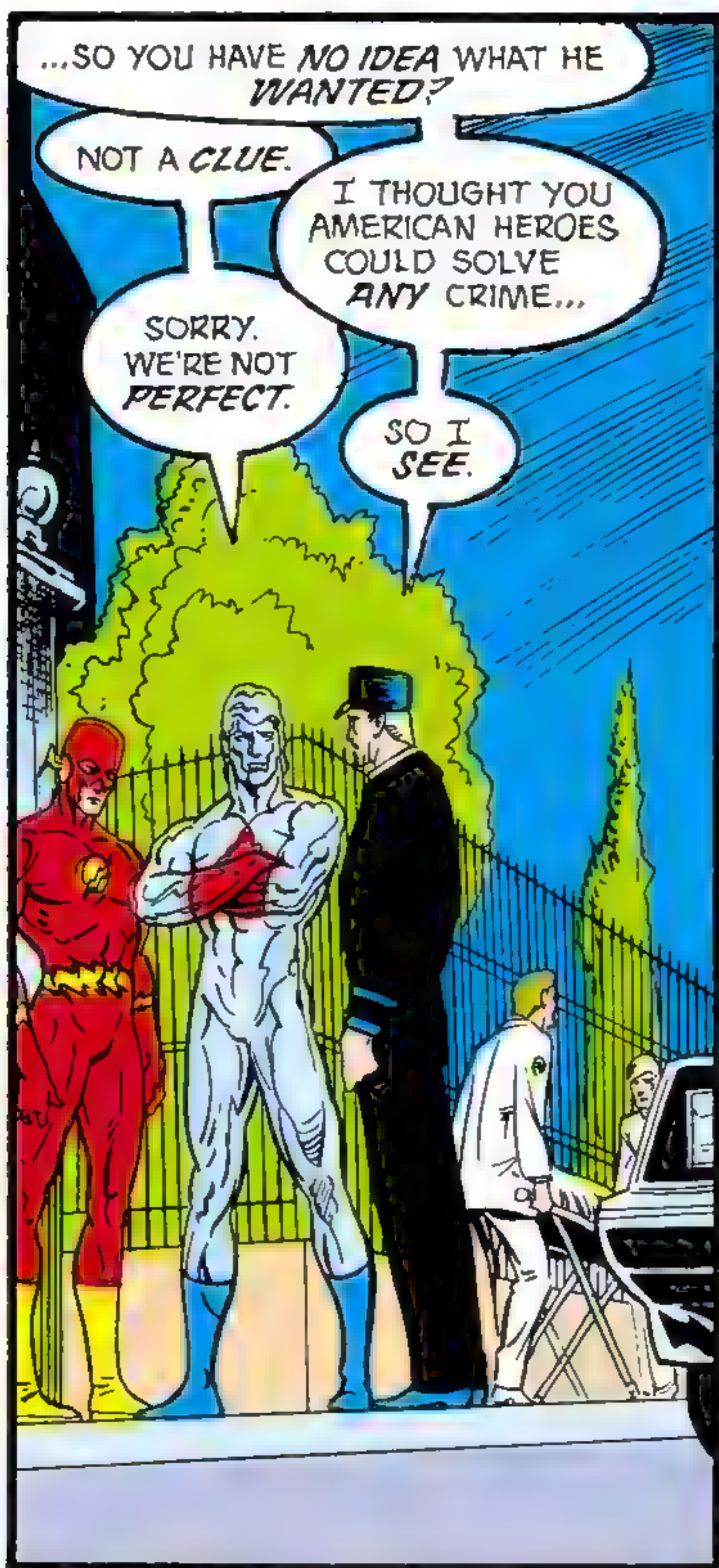
WELL, NOW-- THAT WAS CERTAINLY INSPIRING! SO LET'S PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF: QUESTIONS?

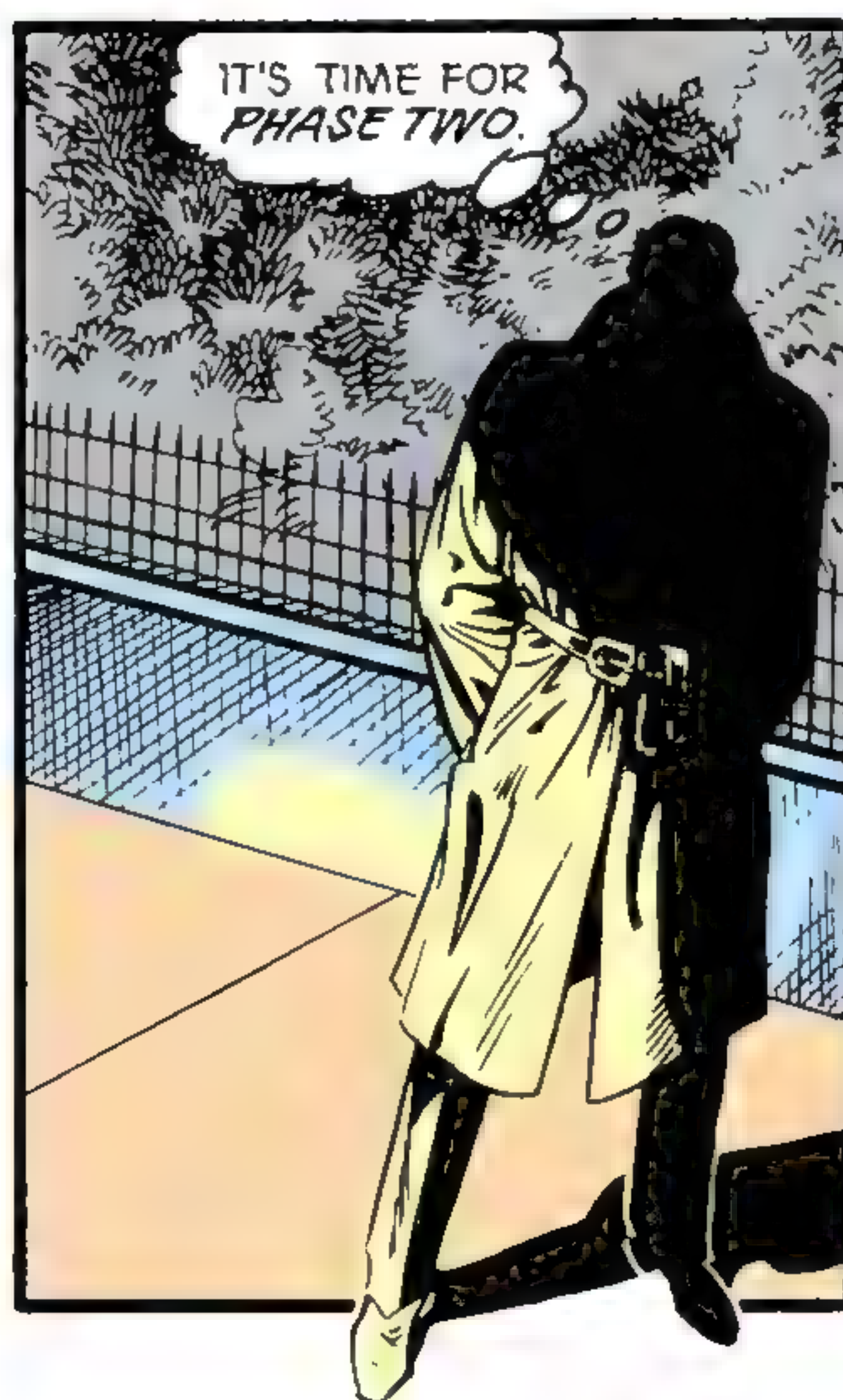
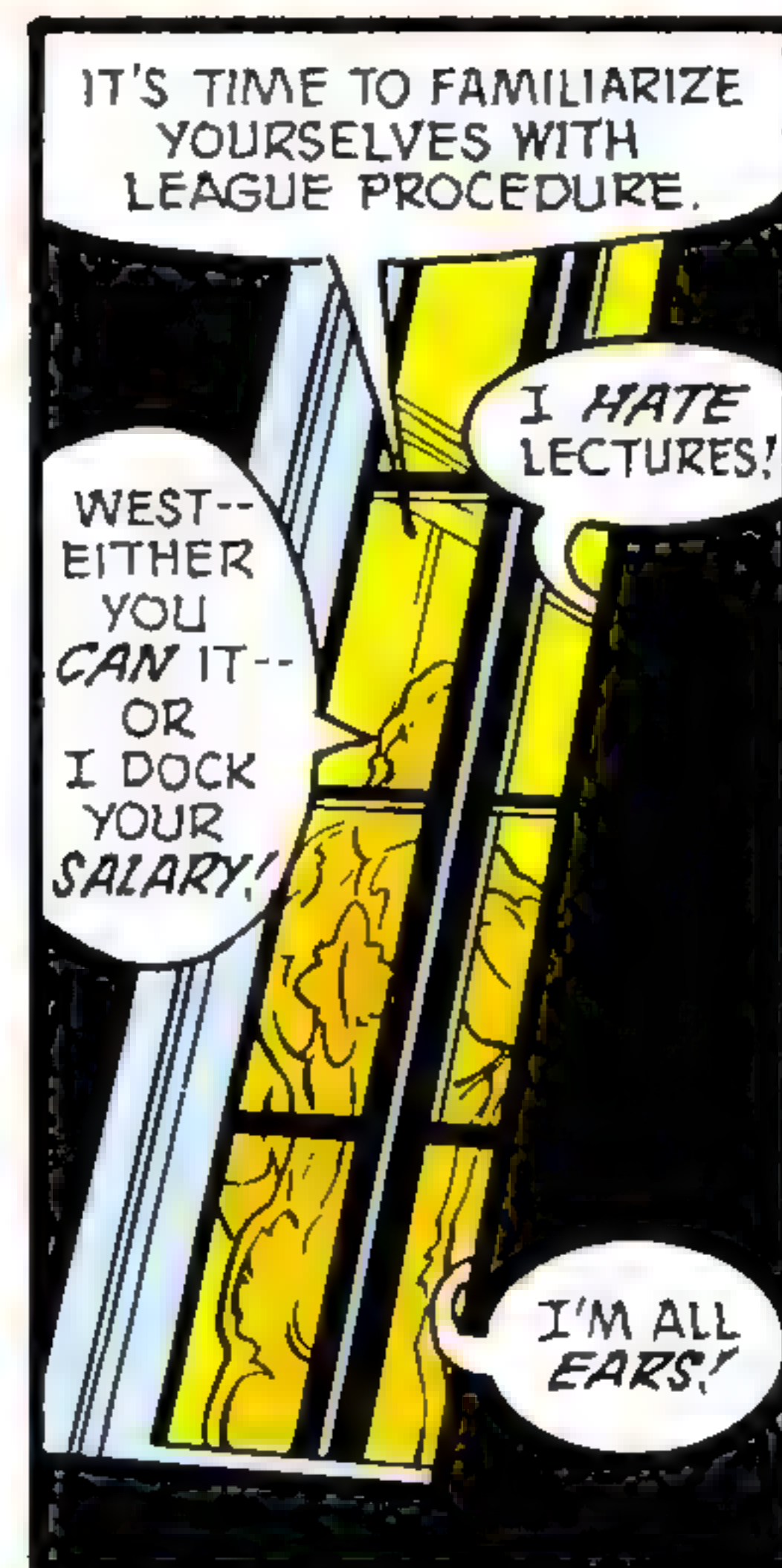
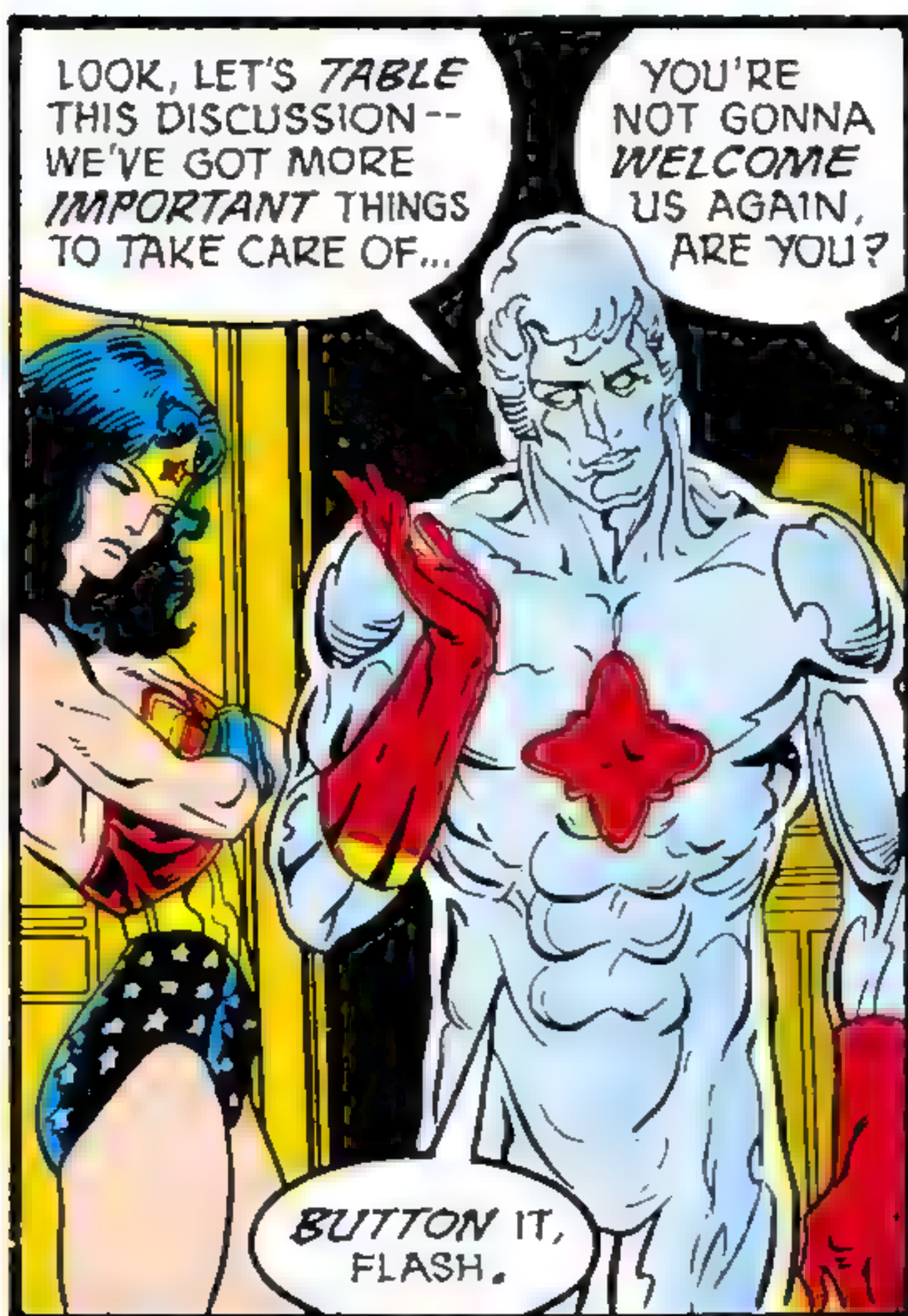
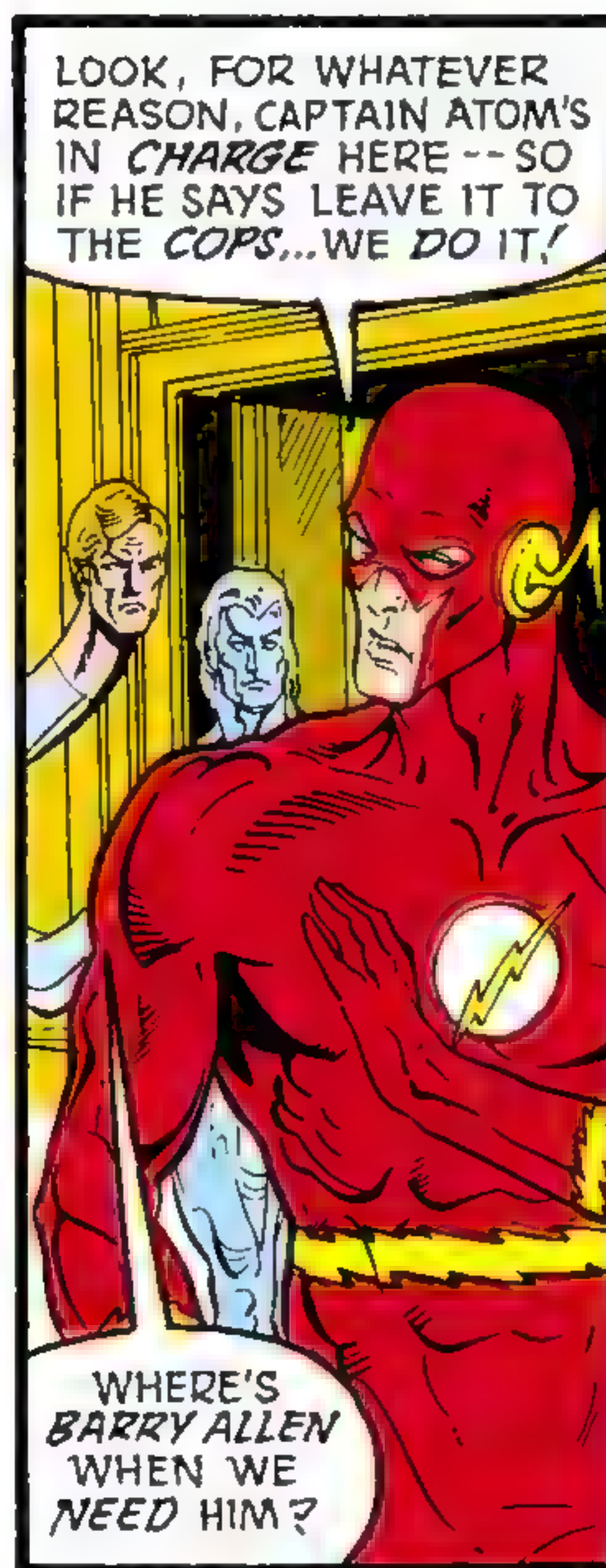
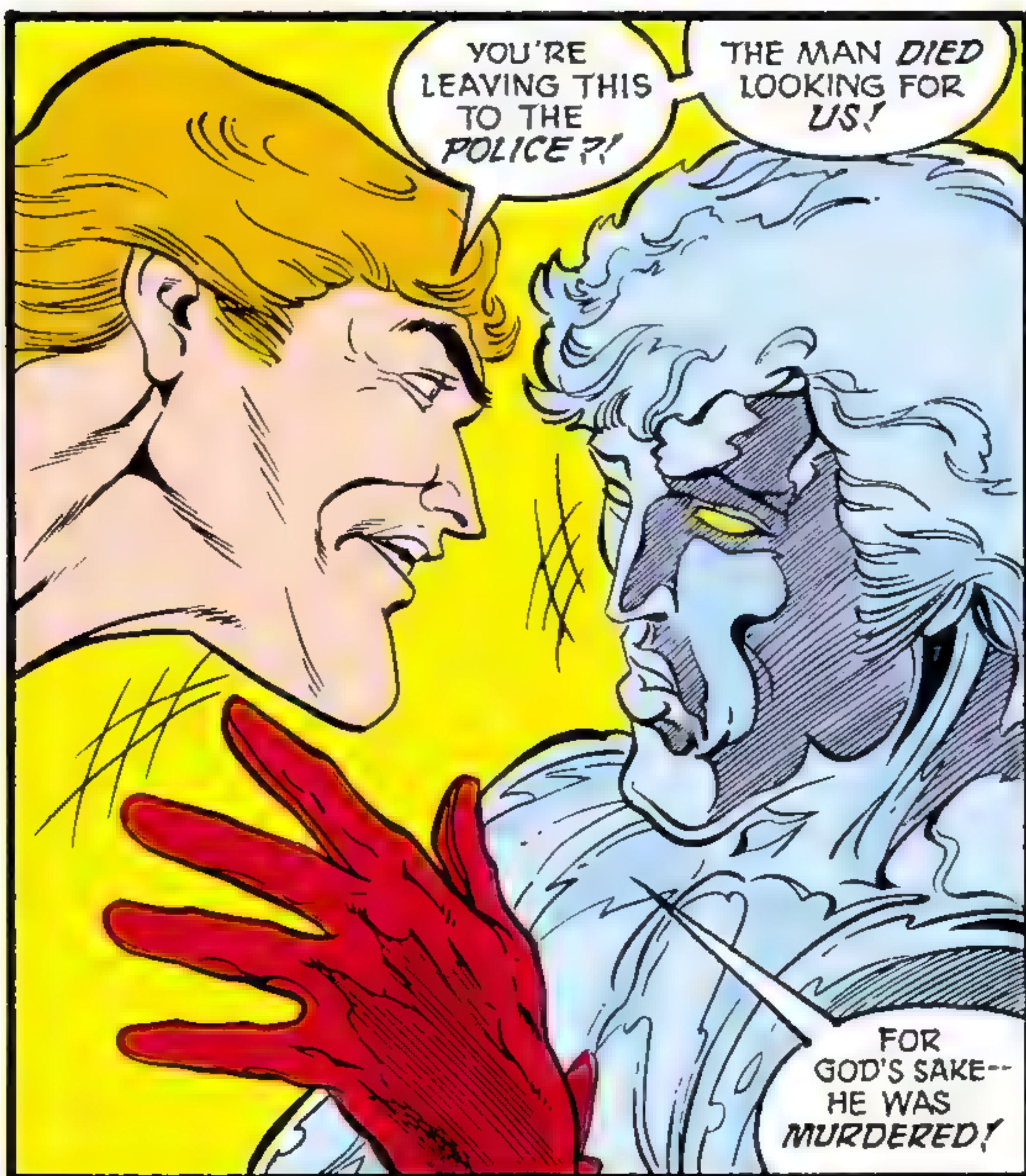


YEAH-- WHEN DOES OUR LUGGAGE ARRIVE?



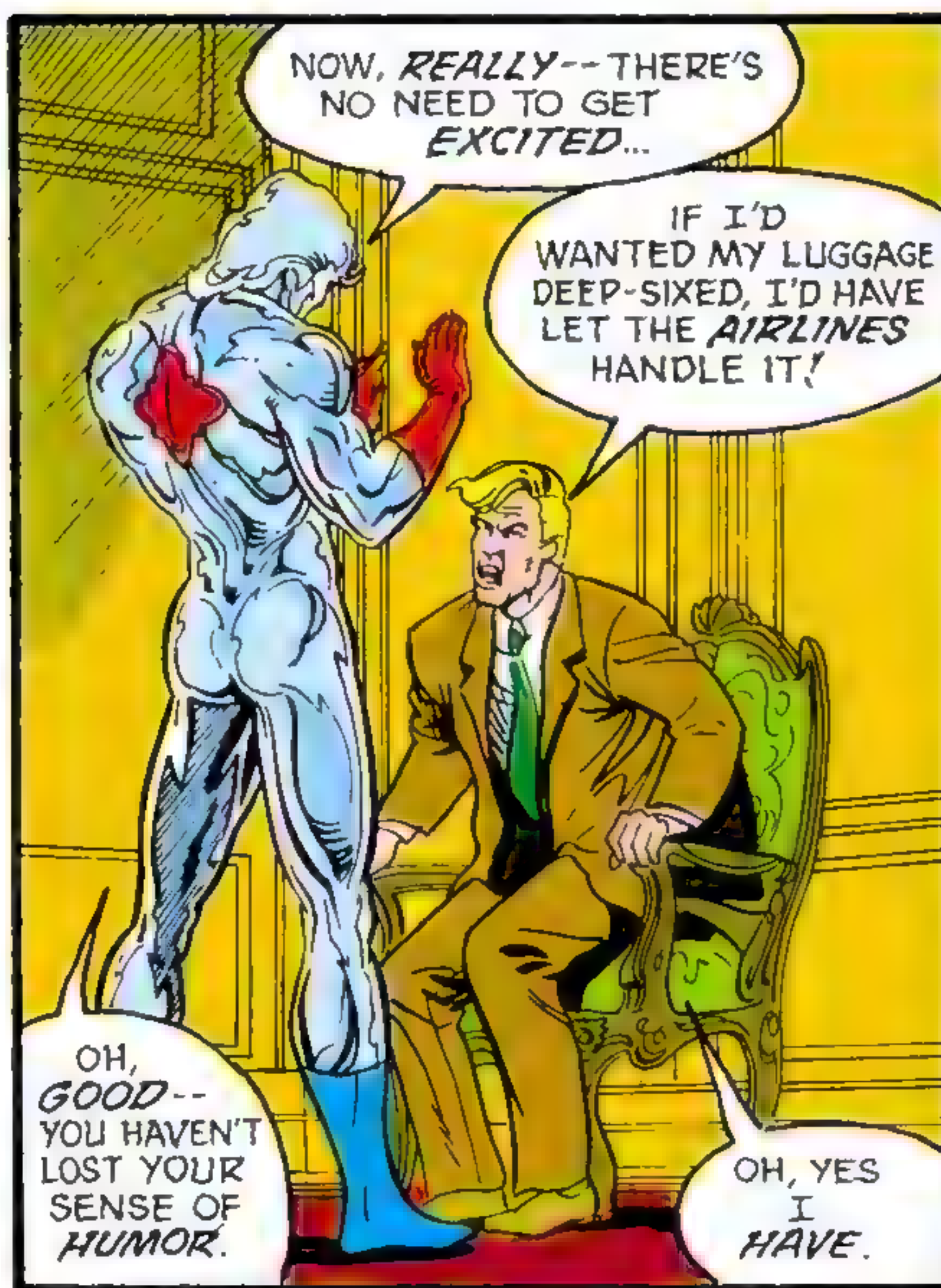








...MY STUFF WAS WHAT?!

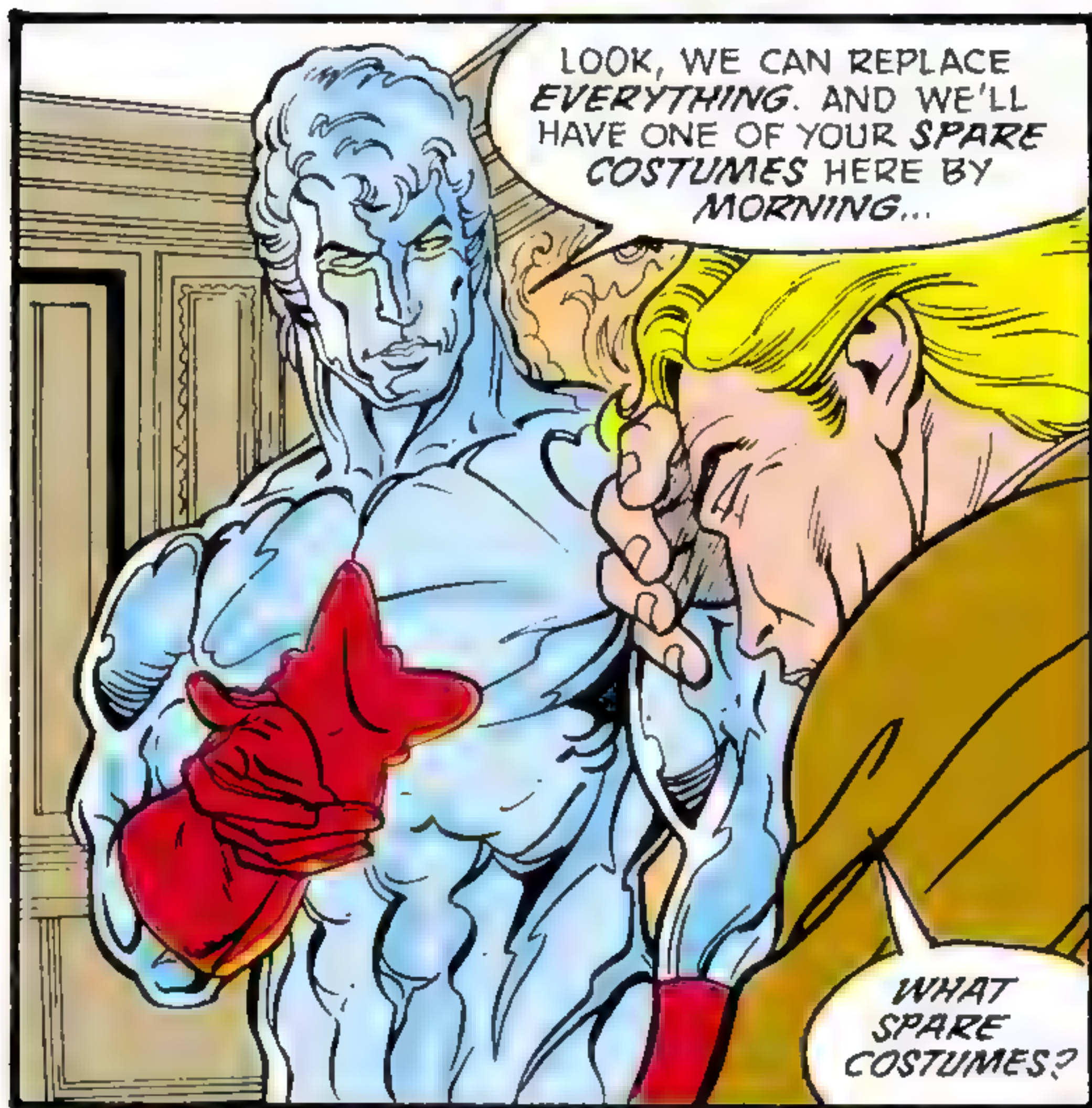


NOW, *REALLY*-- THERE'S NO NEED TO GET *EXCITED*...

IF I'D WANTED MY LUGGAGE DEEP-SIXED, I'D HAVE LET THE *AIRLINES* HANDLE IT!

OH, *GOOD*-- YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOUR SENSE OF *HUMOR*.

OH, YES I *HAVE*.



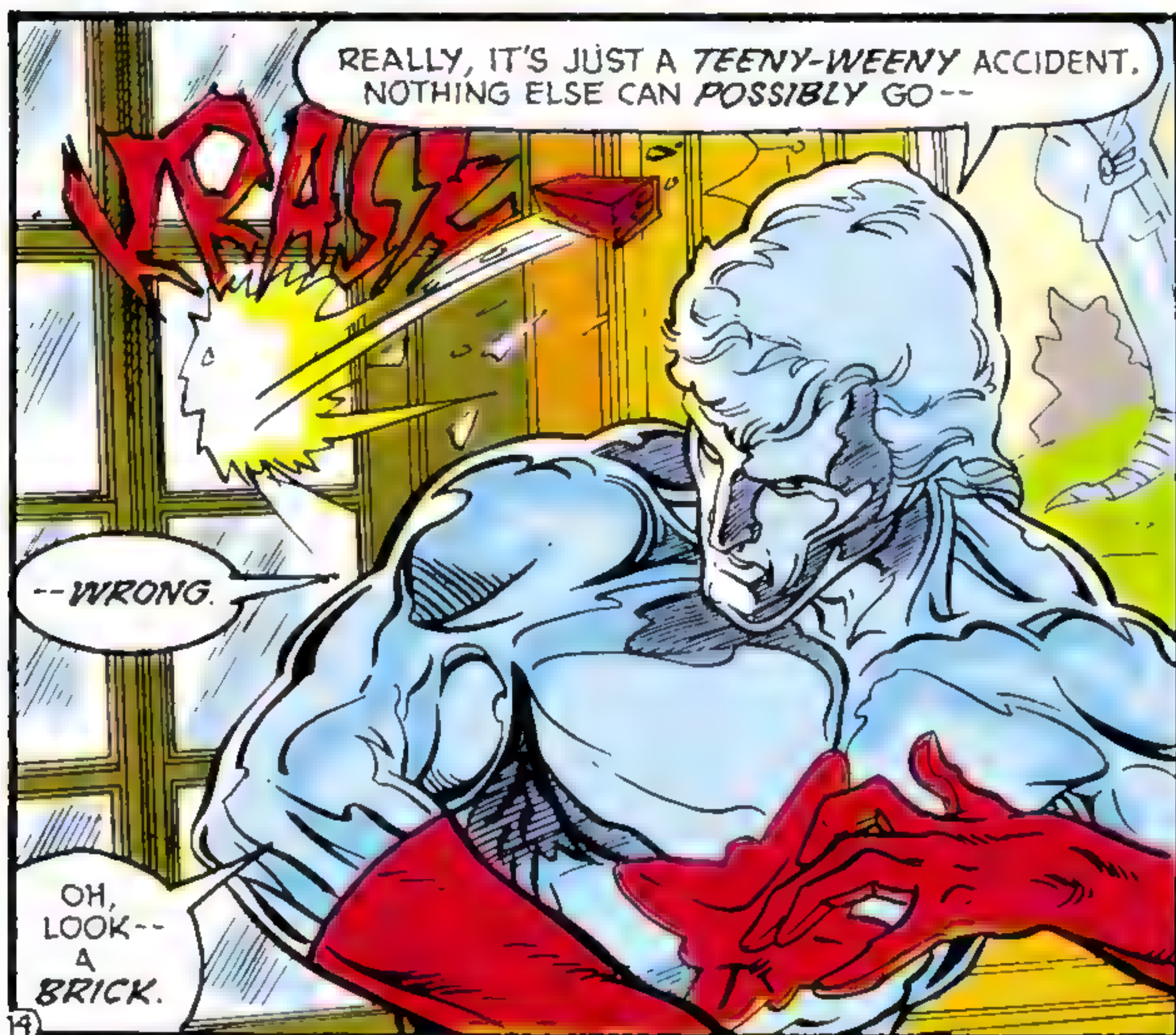
LOOK, WE CAN REPLACE *EVERYTHING*. AND WE'LL HAVE ONE OF YOUR *SPARE COSTUMES* HERE BY *MORNING*...

WHAT *SPARE COSTUMES*?



MY WIFE *TOLD* ME THIS WAS A BAD IDEA. I KNEW I SHOULD'VE *LISTENED* TO HER!

THE *COSTUME'S* NOT A *PROBLEM*. YOU JUST GIVE US THE *SPECS*--AND WE CAN HAVE A *NEW ONE* WHIPPED UP IN *NO TIME*...



REALLY, IT'S JUST A *TEENY-WEENY* ACCIDENT. NOTHING ELSE CAN *POSSIBLY* GO--

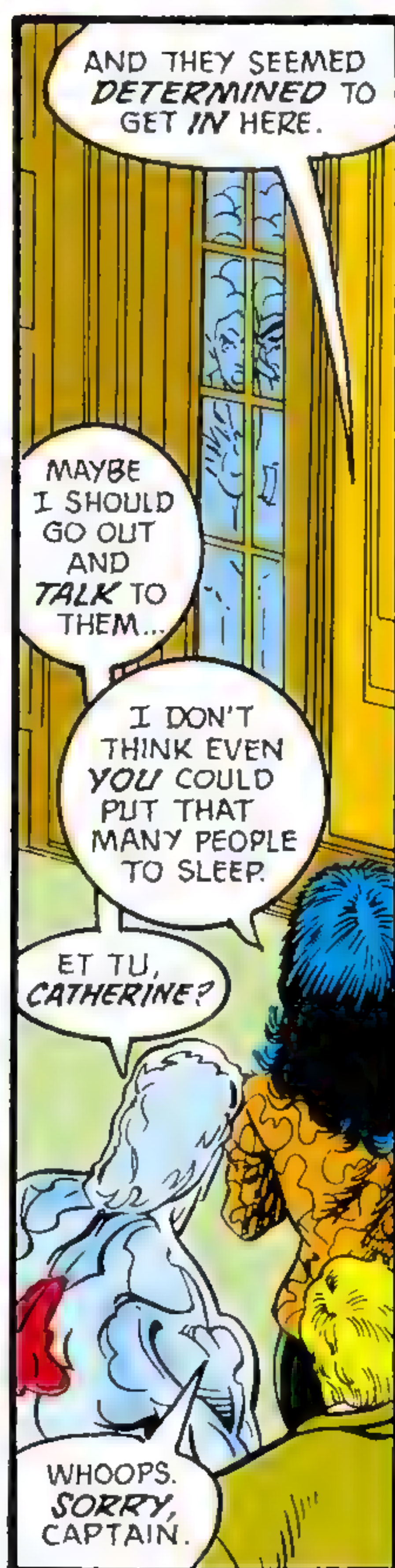
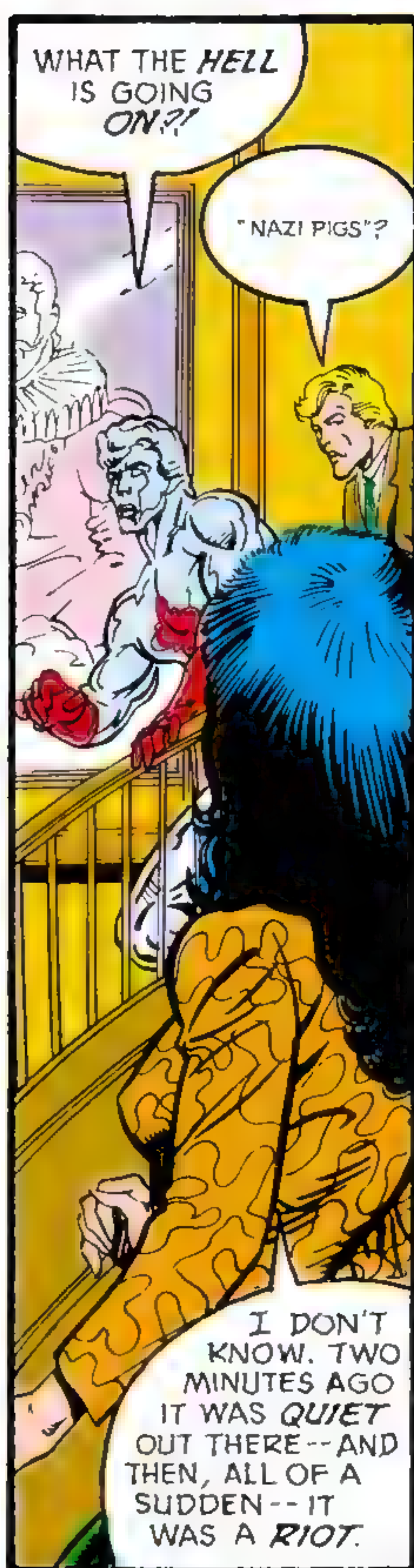
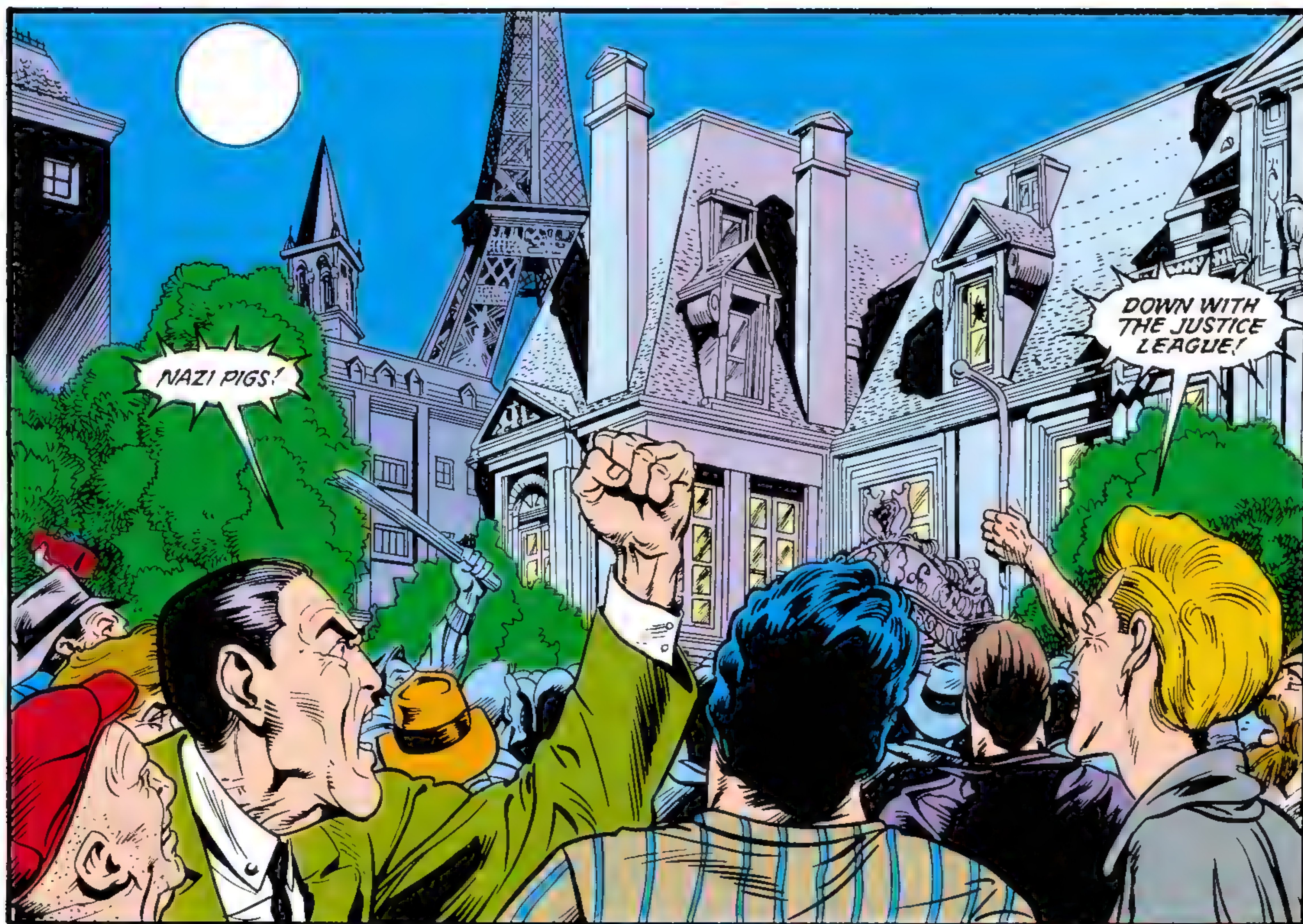
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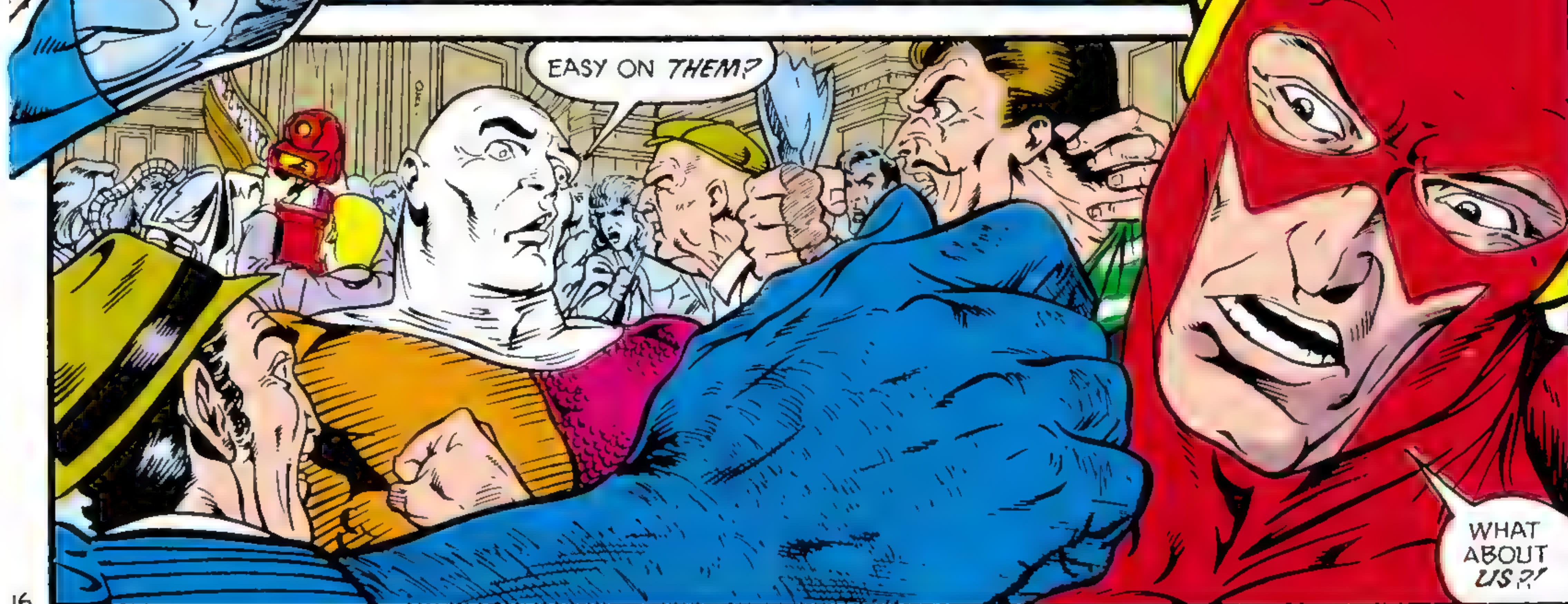
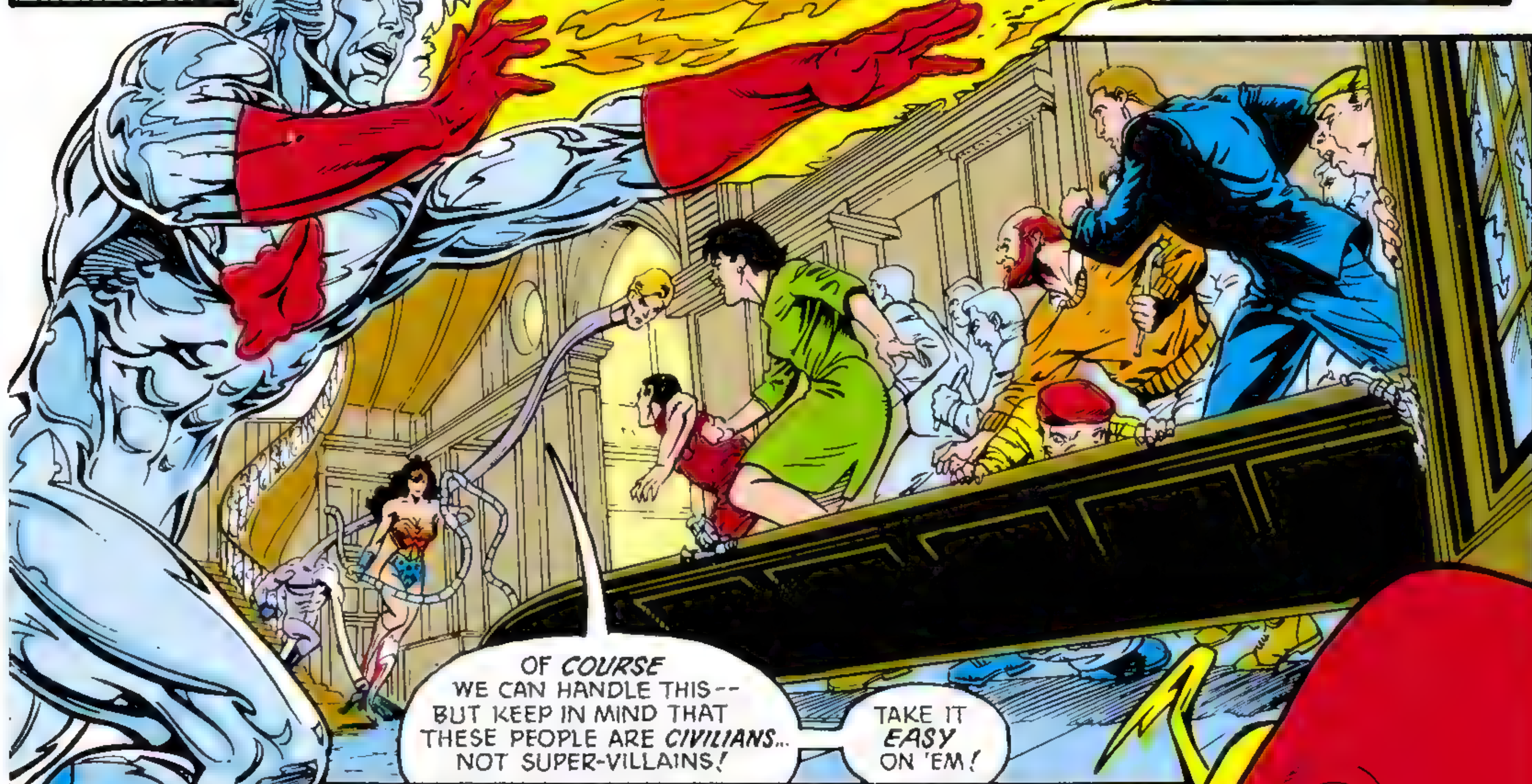
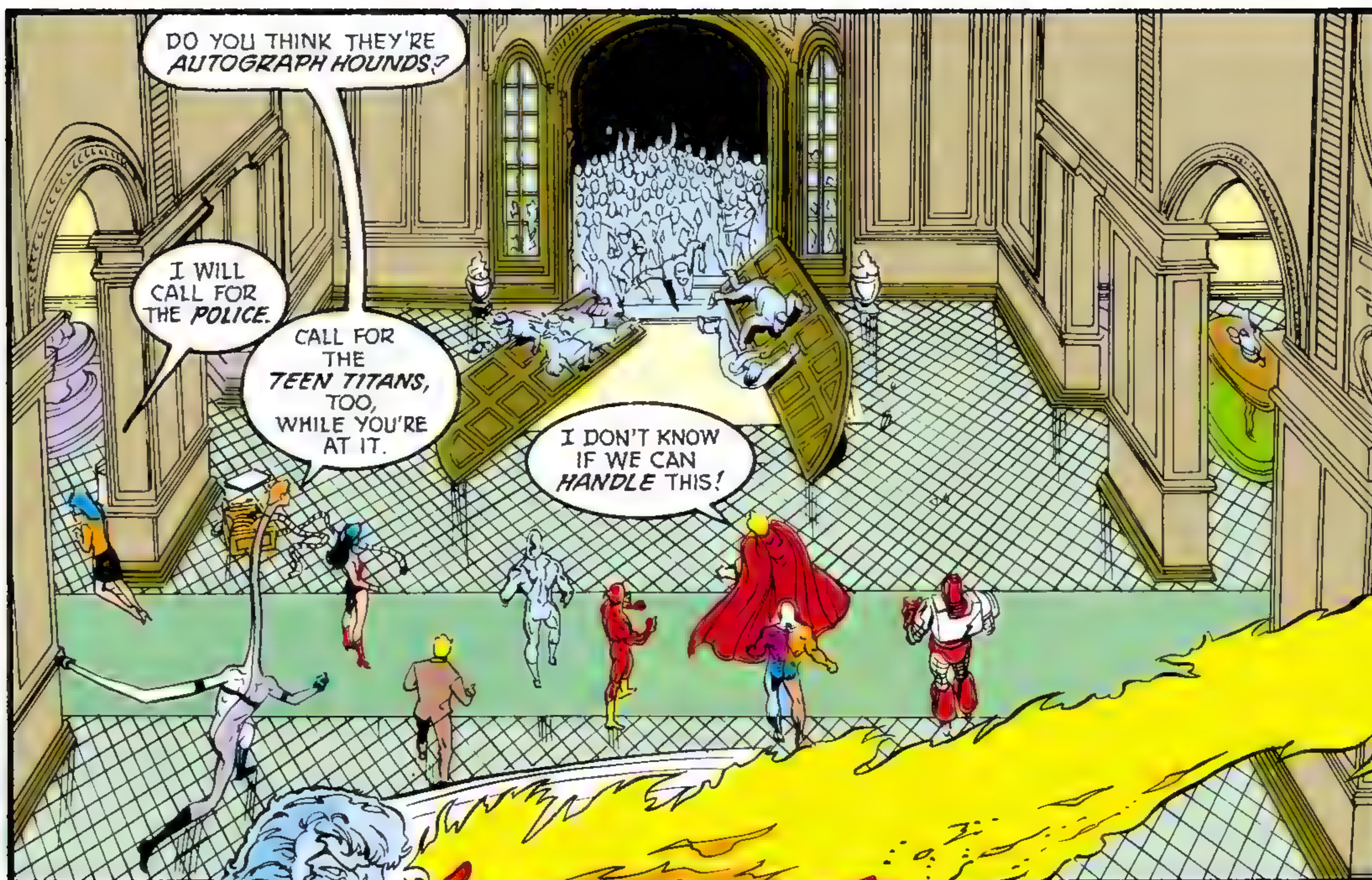
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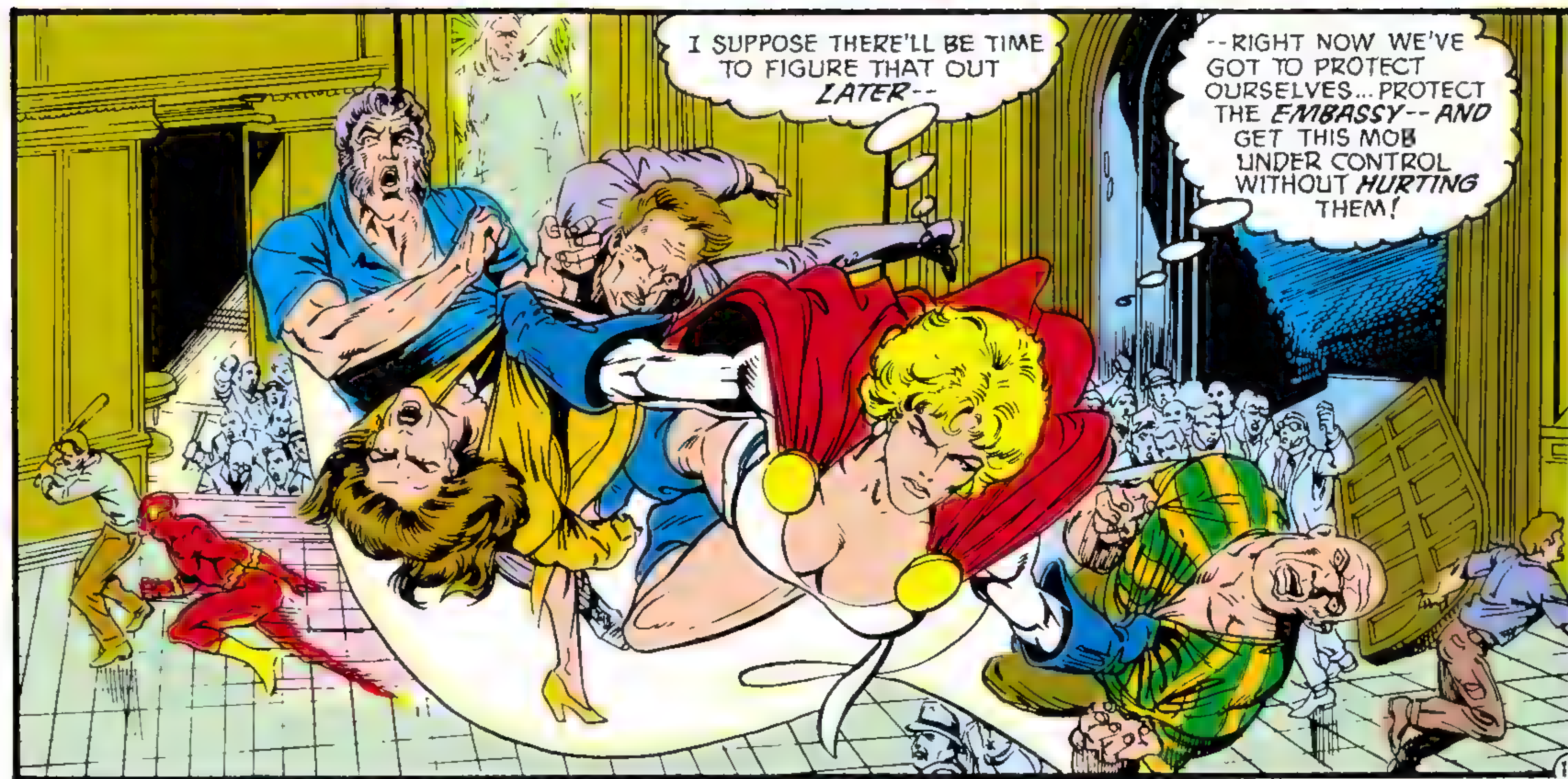
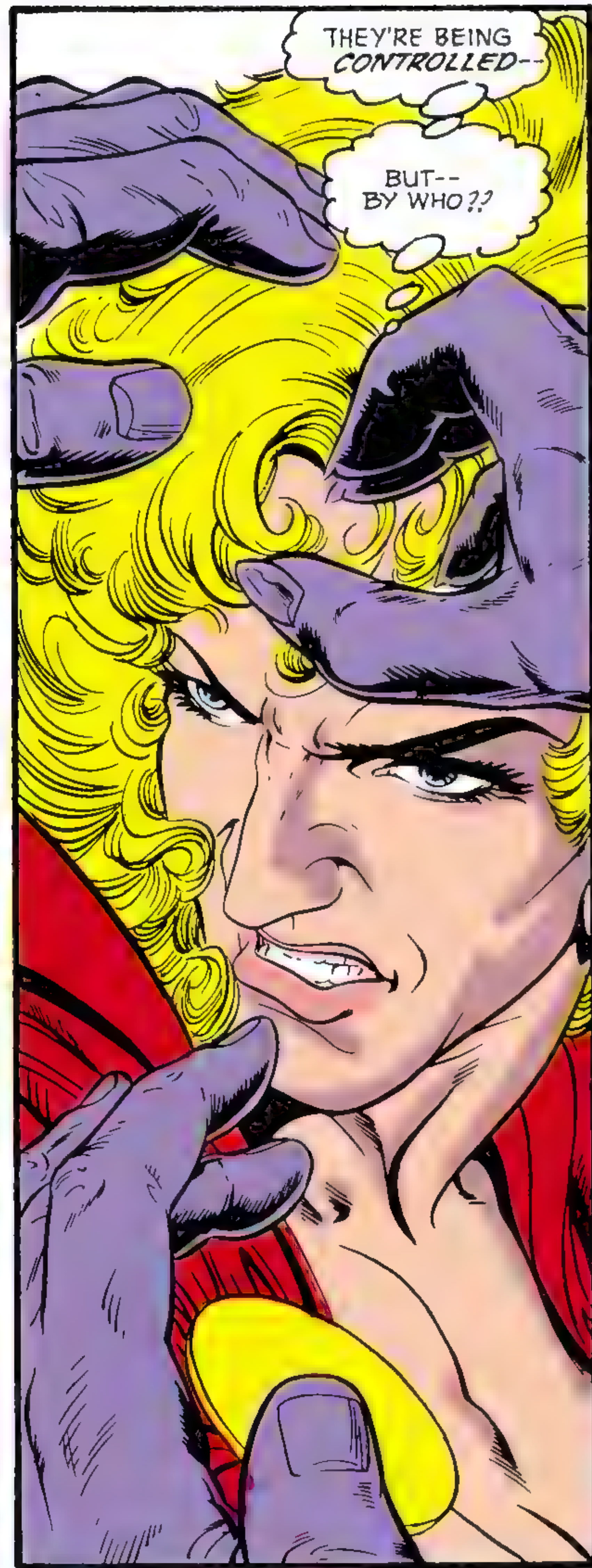
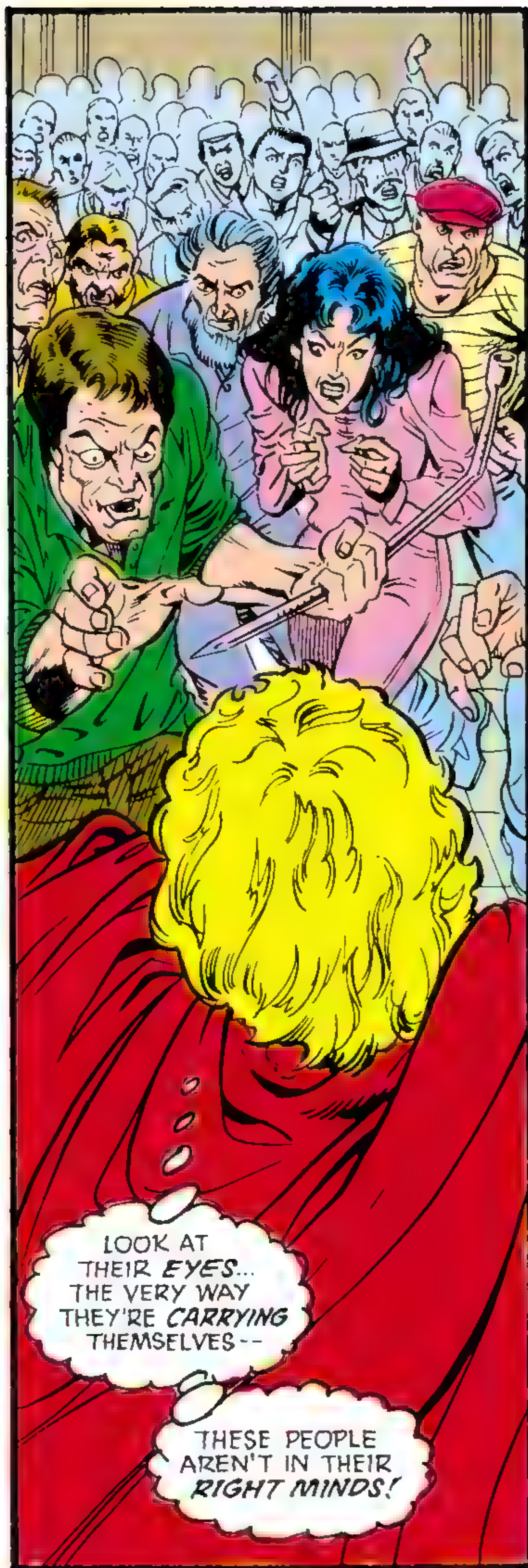
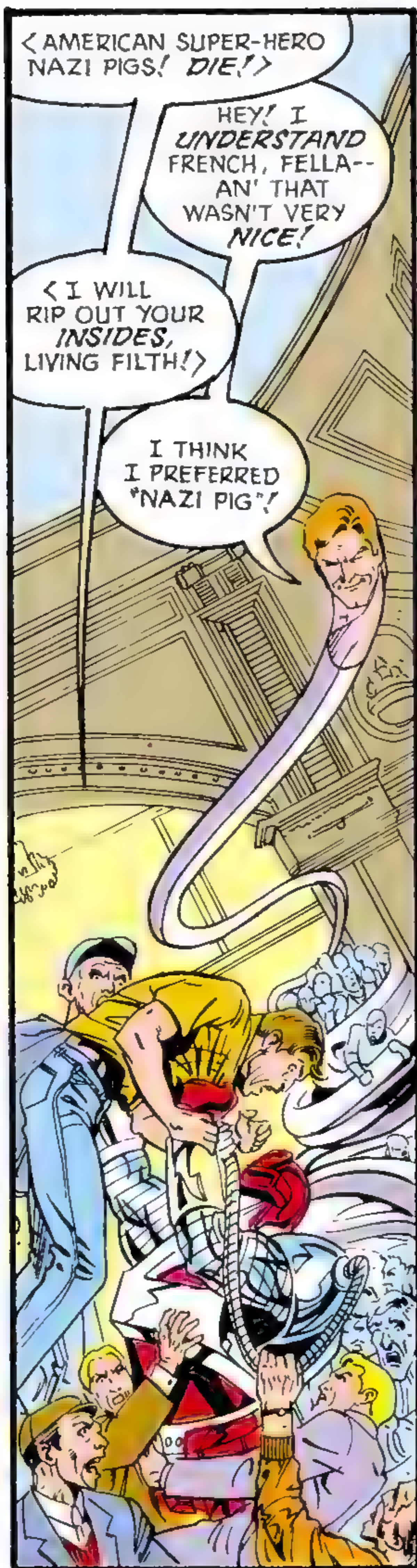


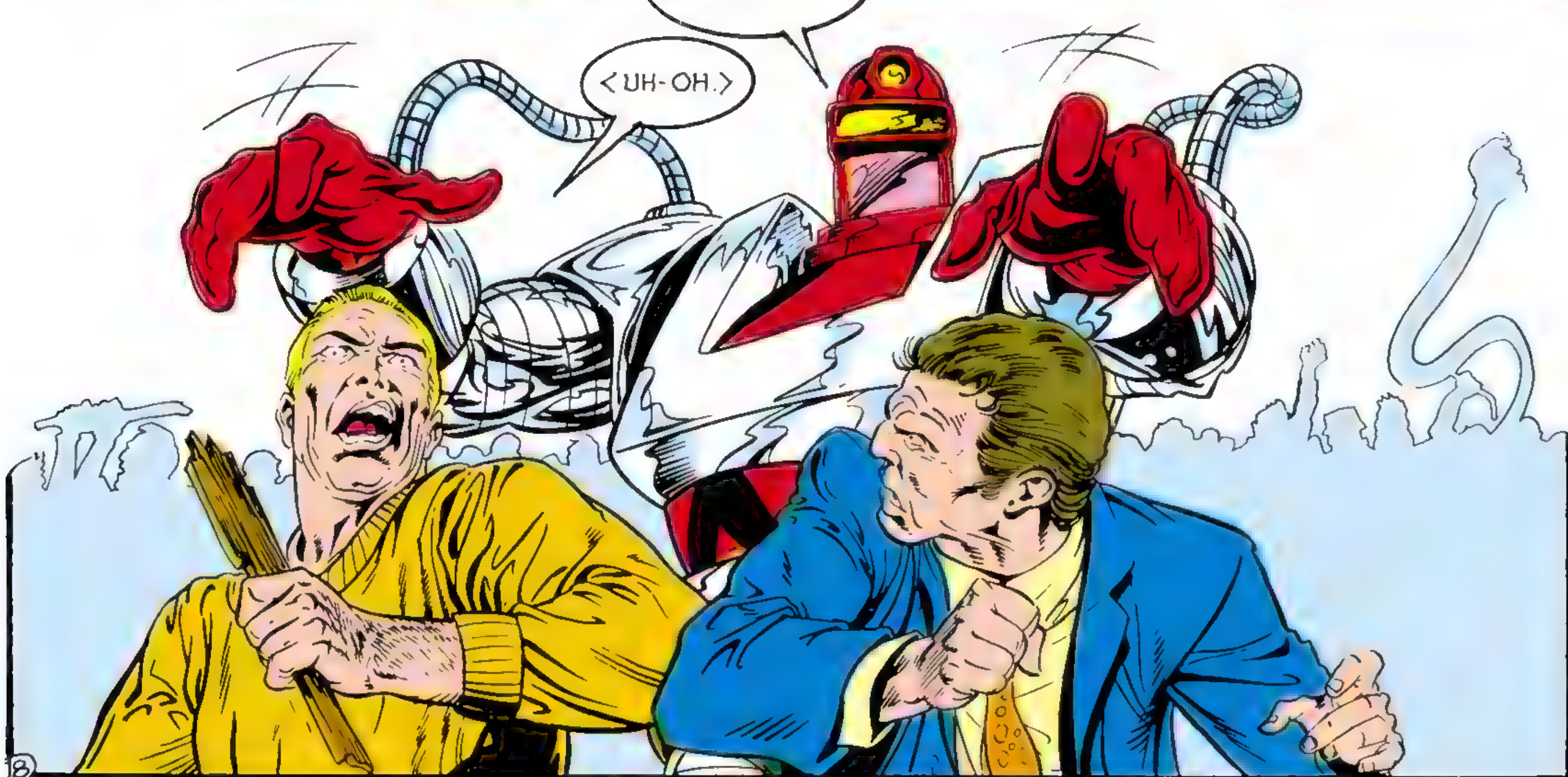
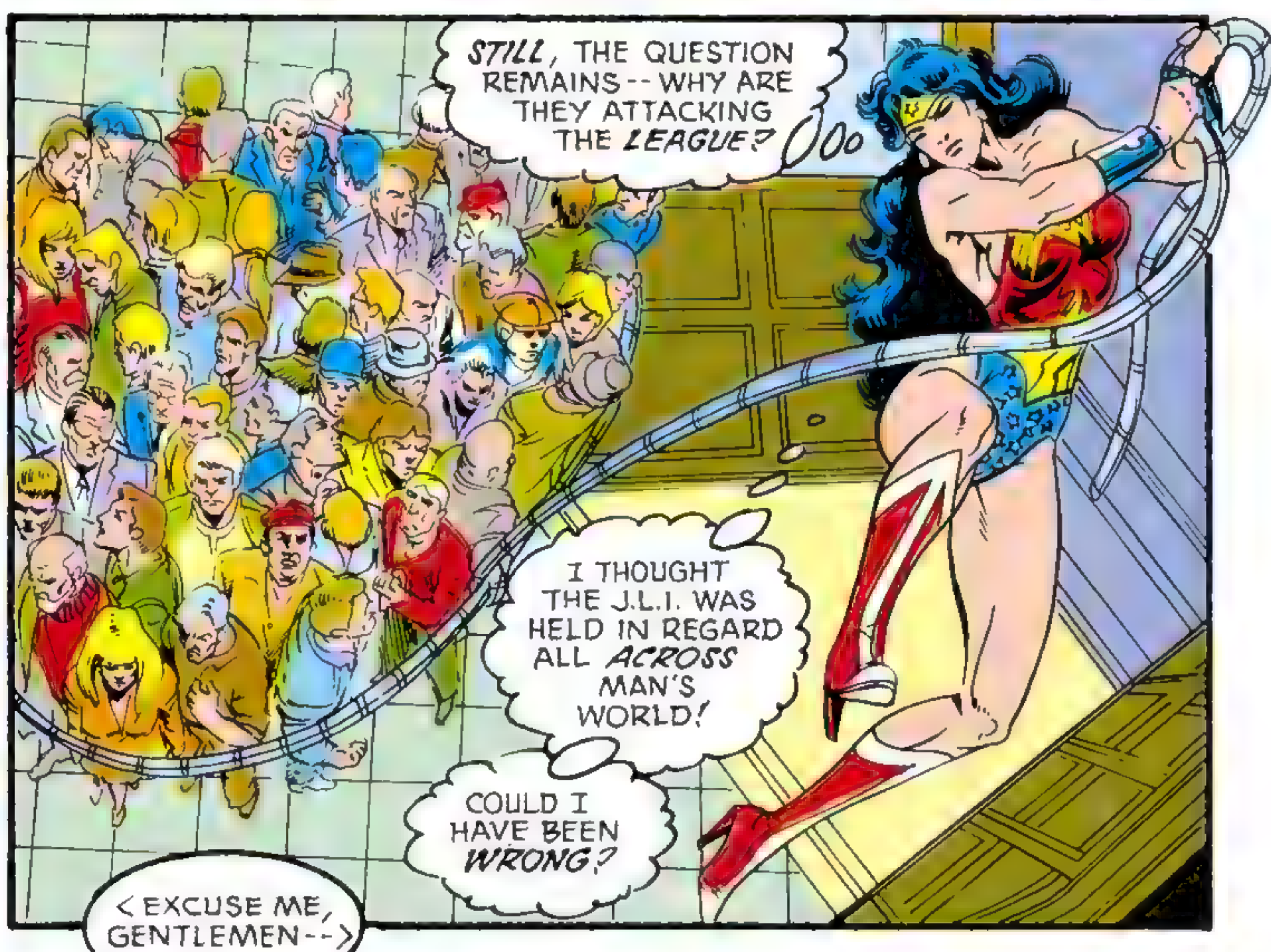
AND AN *ANGRY MOB*-- GATHERED OUTSIDE OUR *HEADQUARTERS*.

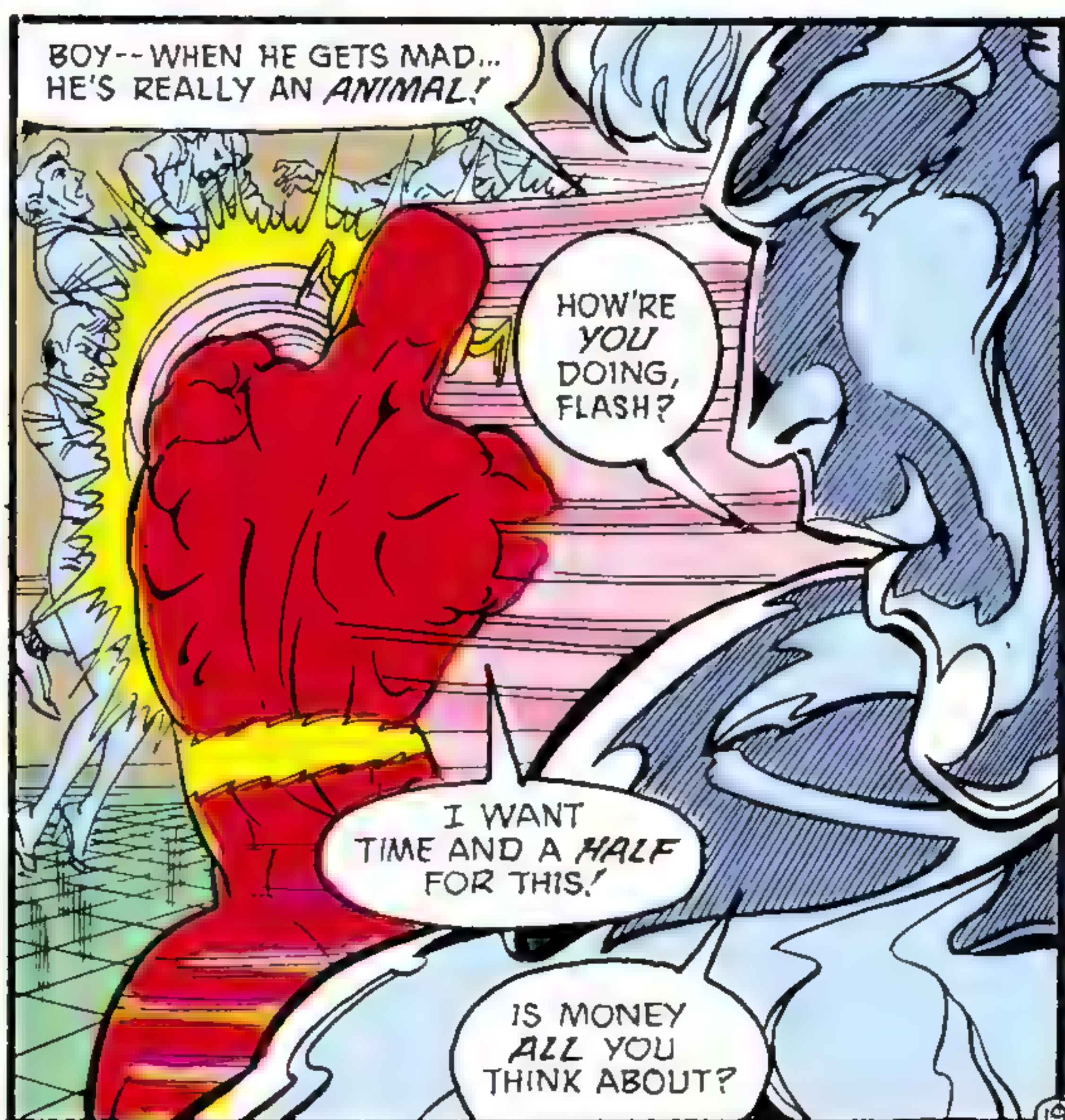
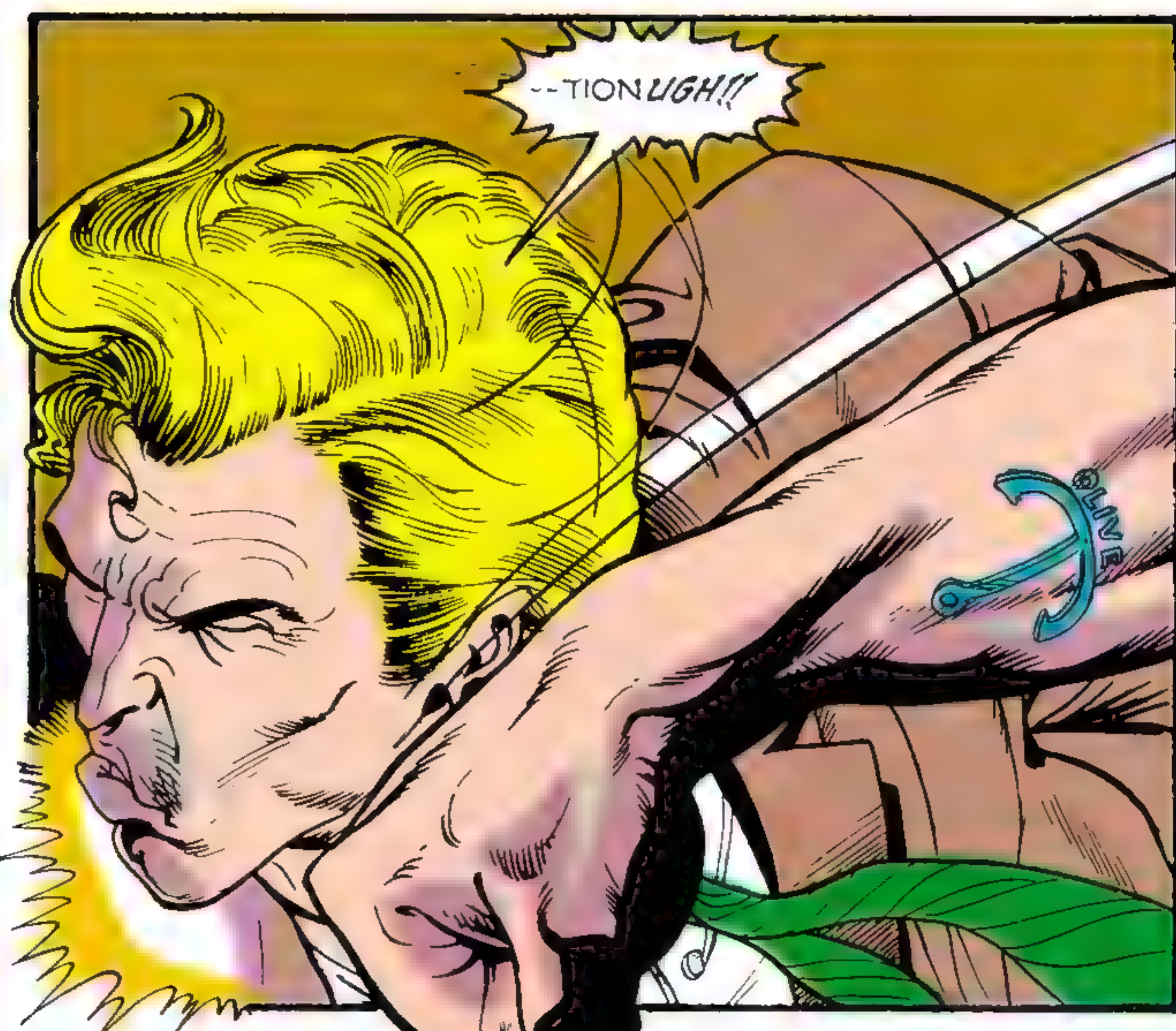
DON'T YOU JUST *LOVE* *PARIS*?

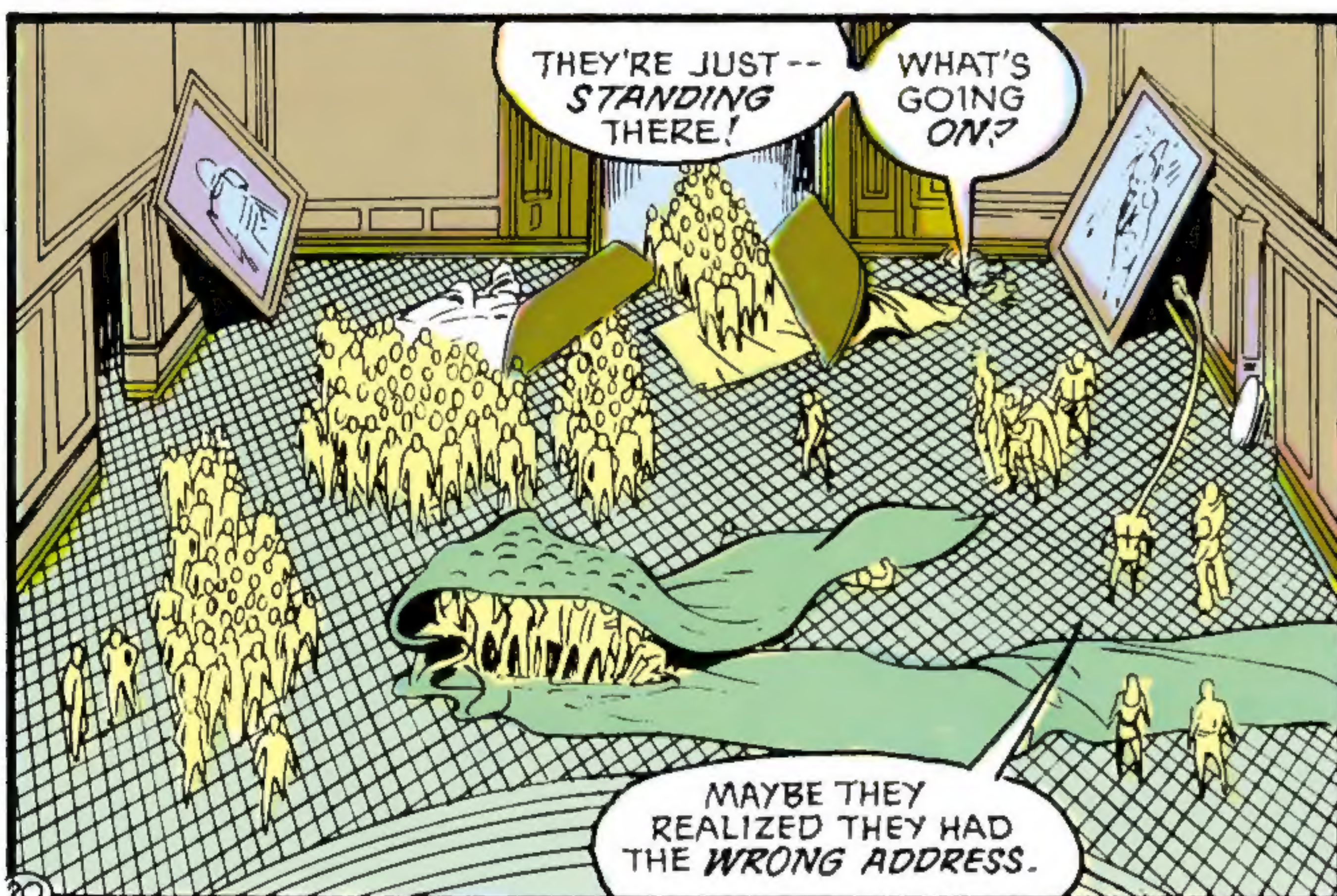
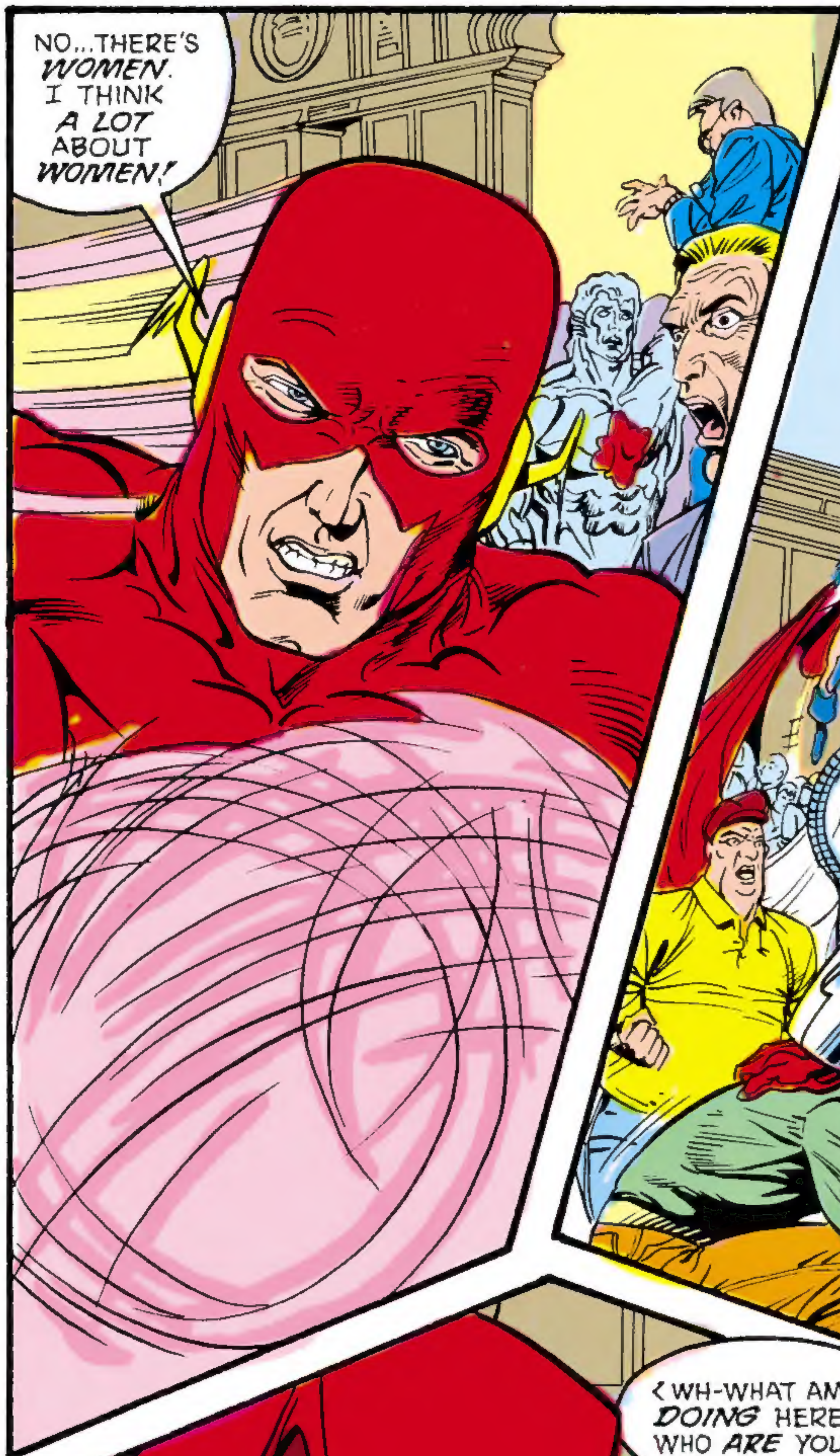


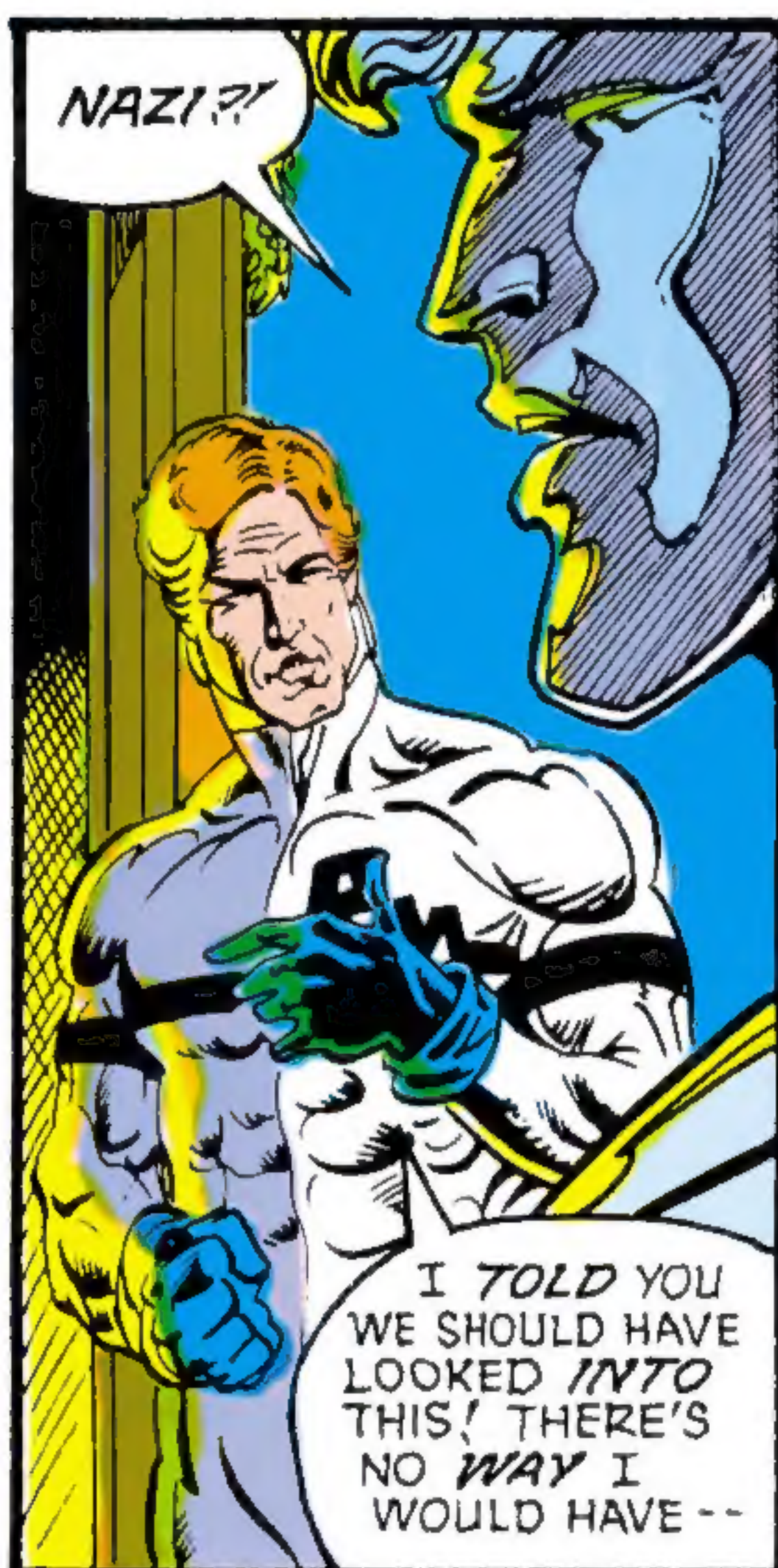
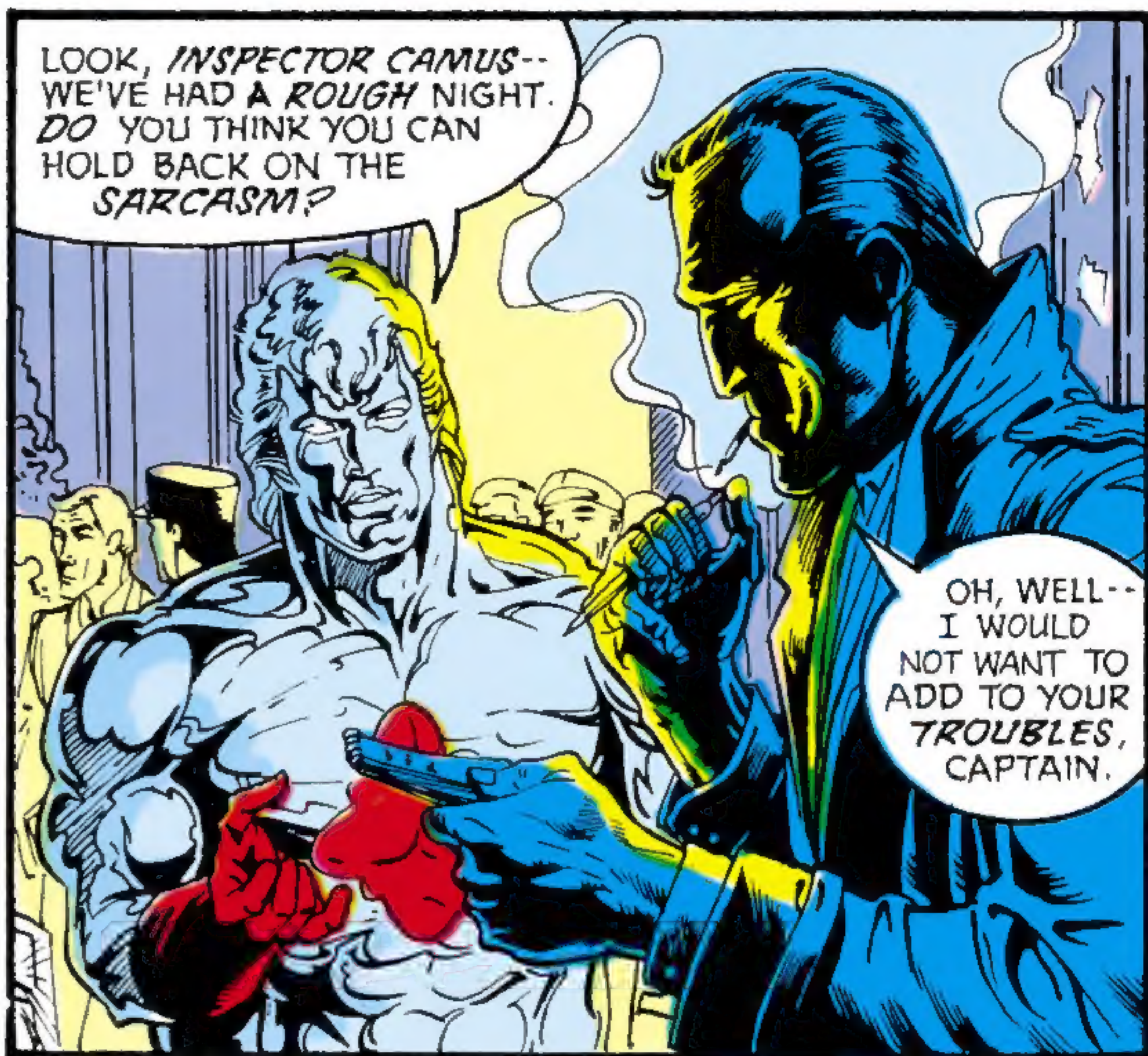
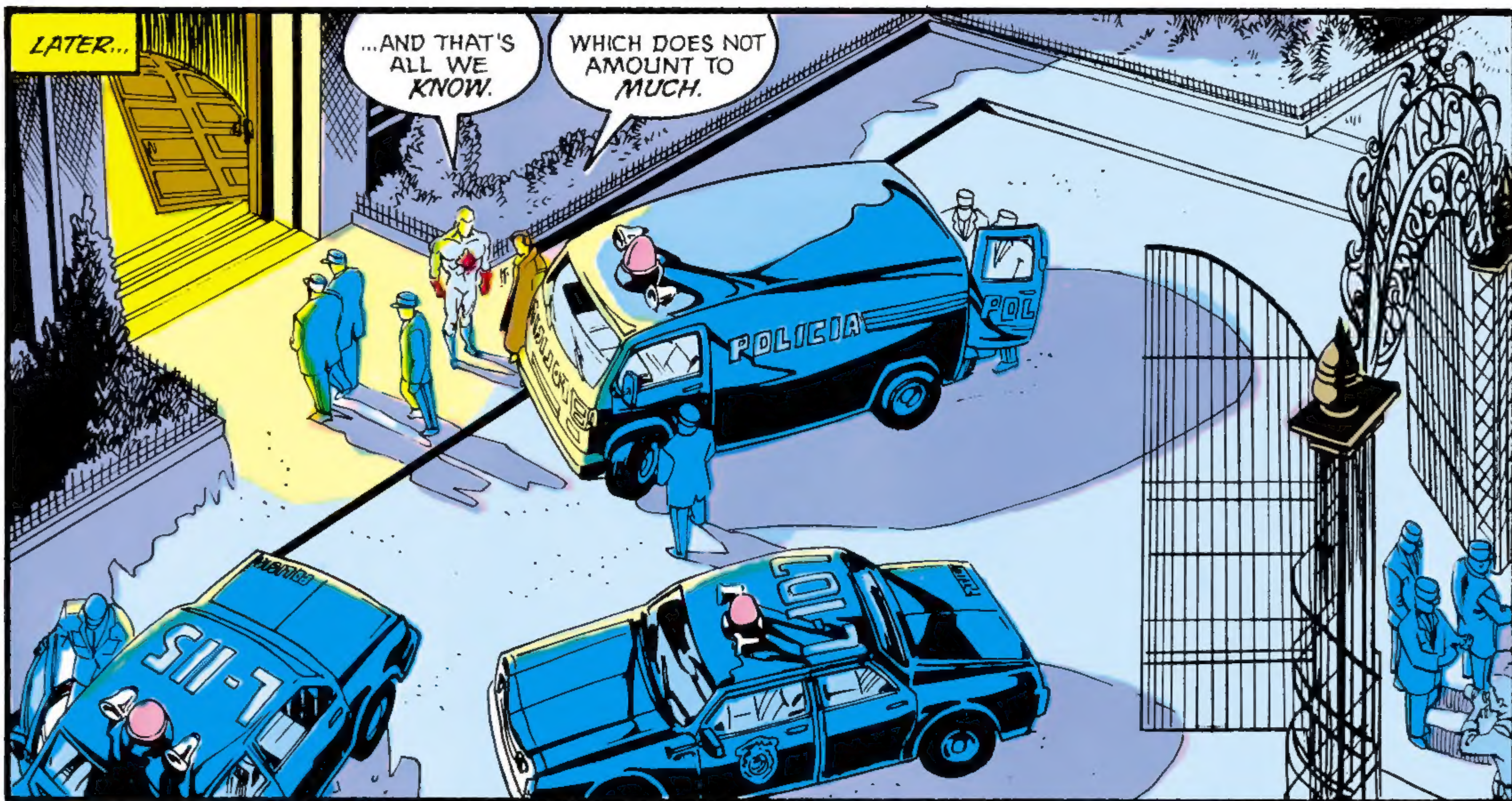


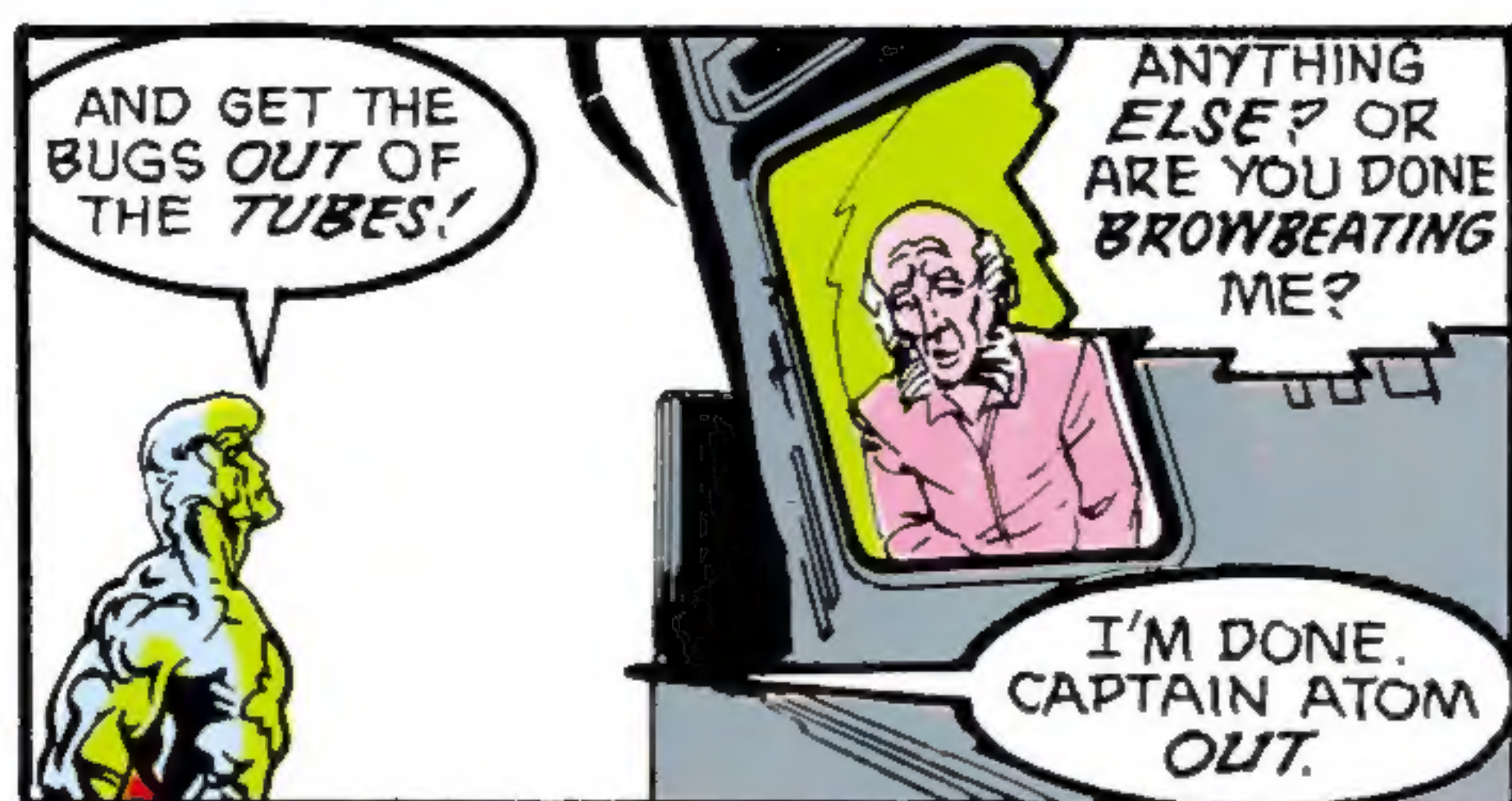
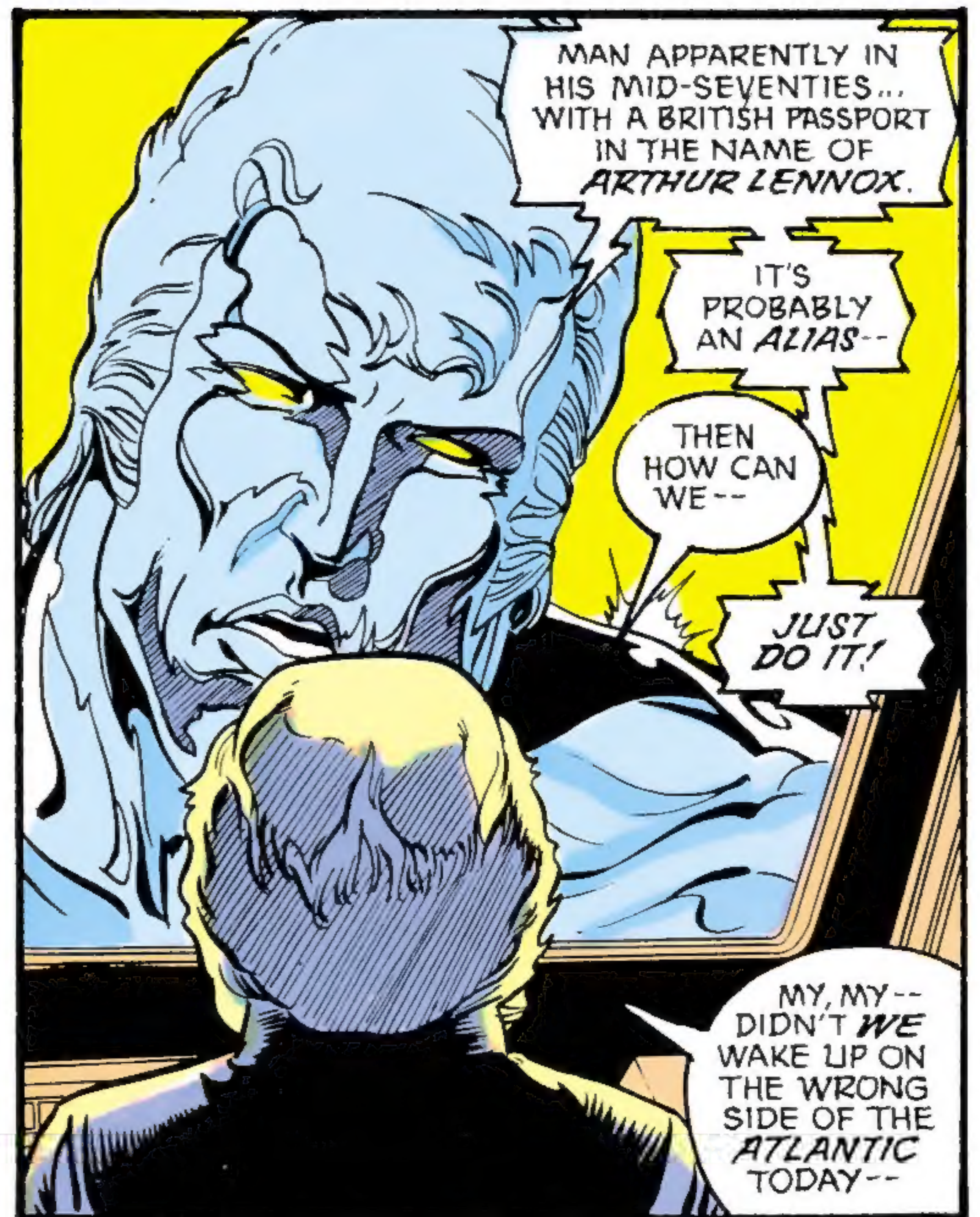
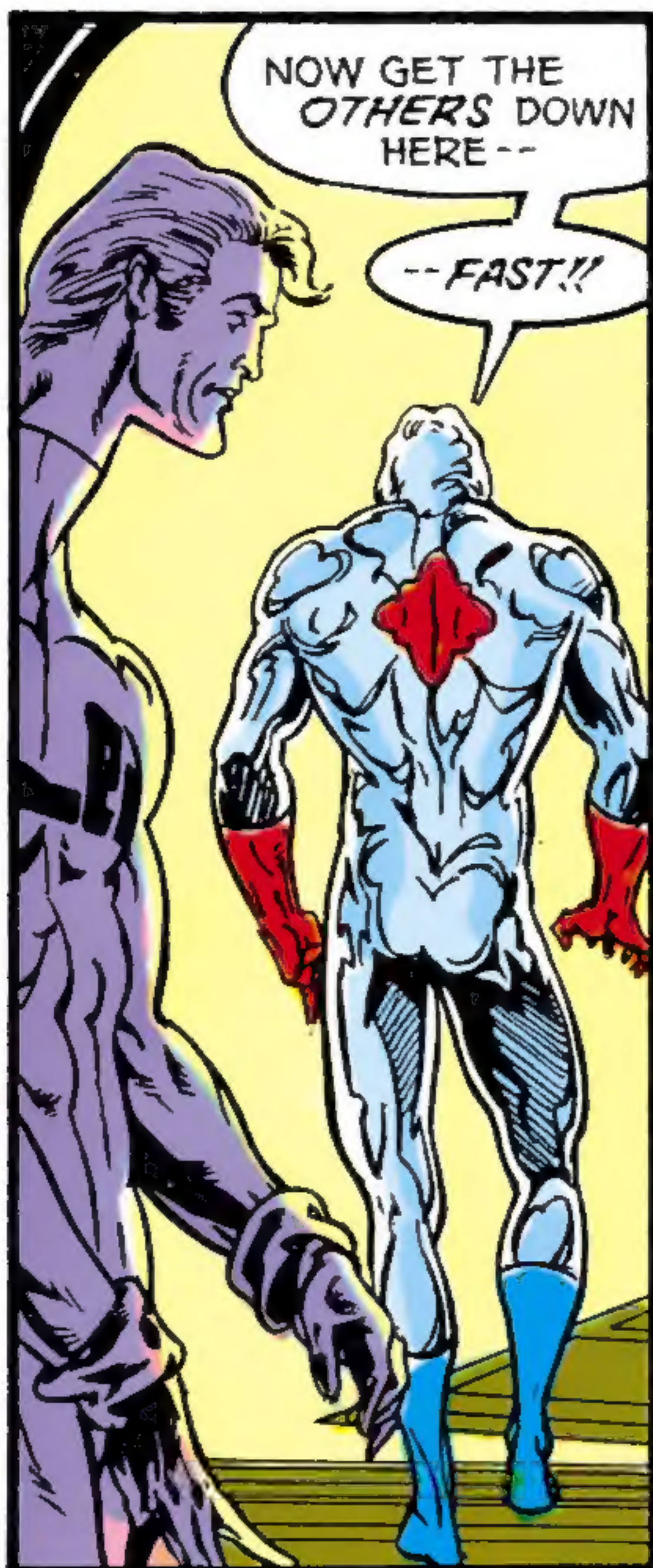












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